



Kedmi's body found, blackout on probe

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The body of Hadass Kedmi, 20, of Kibbutz Kfar Masaryk, was discovered by soldiers in a brush-covered area on Mt. Carmel at noon yesterday, 12 days after she disappeared. She had been murdered, the police said.

The police clamped a blackout on the case in order not to affect their investigation, and would only say that it was clear Kedmi had been murdered. No arrests were made yesterday, but the police were hopeful that their probe would yield results.

Haifa police chief Tat-Nitzav Meshulam Amit went to the Kibbutz to inform Hadass' parents and the whole settlement immediately went into mourning.

Kedmi, a soldier, was last seen at 6 p.m. on November 29, when at the Derech Hayam junction she got out of a car in which she had hitch-hiked from Tel Aviv on her way home for the weekend. Her kibbutz is half way between Haifa and Acre.

The body was discovered by soldiers on orientation training near a typical Mt. Carmel picnic site, densely covered by pine and undergrowth, not far from Beit Oren.

The discovery ended one of the largest searches for a missing person in Israel. Thousands of police, soldiers, kibbutzniks and volunteers, Jewish and Arab, aided by bloodhounds and helicopters, took part.

The search had included the area where the body was found, but the thick undergrowth had prevented earlier discovery.

Amit refused to give any details on the condition of the body and refused to say whether terrorist involvement was suspected.

"We hope to break the case and discover the perpetrators," he said. After the soldiers reported finding the body, a mobile police laboratory and pathologist were brought to the scene, joined by senior officers. After an initial examination, the body was sent to the Institute of Forensic Medicine at Abu Kabir.

Amit said a number of articles discovered were being checked out, but that revealing details now might hinder the investigation.

The Itim news agency adds that the body of Daphna Carmon, who was kidnapped during the Lebanon war, was also found on Mt. Carmel, not far from where Kedmi's body was found.

Robert Rosenberg adds:
Police last night were sifting through clues found near Kedmi's body and seemed to have settled on criminally sexual motivations for the murder. It was still unknown late last night whether pathologists had found evidence of rape. Police estimate the body had been out in the open for at least 72 hours.

Police also discounted links between the murder and two other attacks in Galilee last year. A group of young Arab men have already gone on trial for the murder and sexual mutilation of Danny Katz. The prosecution is attributing a combination of sexual and nationalistic motives for that murder.

Daphna Carmon's murder has been attributed to an escaped convict, subsequently recaptured.

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Monthly bank loan of IS2b. may resolve TA strike

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A plan which may lead to the end of the strike in the Tel Aviv Municipality, today entering its eighth day, was presented yesterday to the Finance Ministry by Interior Ministry Director-General Haim Kubersky.

Tel Aviv's firemen returned to work yesterday evening following back-to-work orders issued by the Interior Ministry.

According to the plan, banks will lead Tel Aviv IS2 billion each month, for workers' wages. No other government aid would be given the city.

It appeared that Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i will accept the plan, although it will require enlarging bank credit given the city. The credit is now frozen due to the package deal.

The plan obliges Tel Aviv Mayor Shimon Lahat to make drastic budgetary cuts in order to pay back the bank loans within a fixed time. It is not clear how Lahat, who already owes the banks huge sums, would manage.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres spoke with Labour MKs Eliyahu

Speiser and Deputy Tel Aviv Mayor Dov Ben-Meir about the situation. But Peres refrained from intervening, in the hope that the Finance and Interior Ministries would solve the crisis.

Interior Ministry officials blasted Lahat for violating the agreement signed with the city last June, in which the city committed itself not to exceed its budget.

A senior Interior Ministry official told *The Jerusalem Post* that there is a limit to how much money the state can transfer to Tel Aviv, and that Lahat simply doesn't understand the financial plight of the government.

An agreement between the municipal workers organization and the city's treasurer may enable the city's 3,500 pensioners to get their pensions for last month today.

Leo Levani adds:
The Tel Aviv district medical officer asked the Interior Ministry to issue back-to-work orders to sanitation workers, as the growing piles of garbage on city streets have become a health hazard.

The Histadrut Teachers Union agreed to conduct classes as usual in Tel Aviv after Education Ministry

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Soviets to help Syria build reactor

DAMASCUS (AP). — The Soviet Union has agreed to help Syria build its first nuclear reactor, the official Syrian Arab News Agency reported yesterday.

Sana said Syria's electric power minister, Kamel Baba, made the announcement after his return to Damascus from Moscow Monday night.

Sana also said it was agreed during Baba's visit that Soviet and Syrian experts would begin drawing up the technical designs.

Leftists bomb Nato fuel pipelines across Belgium

BRUSSELS (Reuters). — An extreme leftist group, declaring "war on Nato," carried out six bomb attacks yesterday on the western alliance's network of fuel pipelines across Belgium.

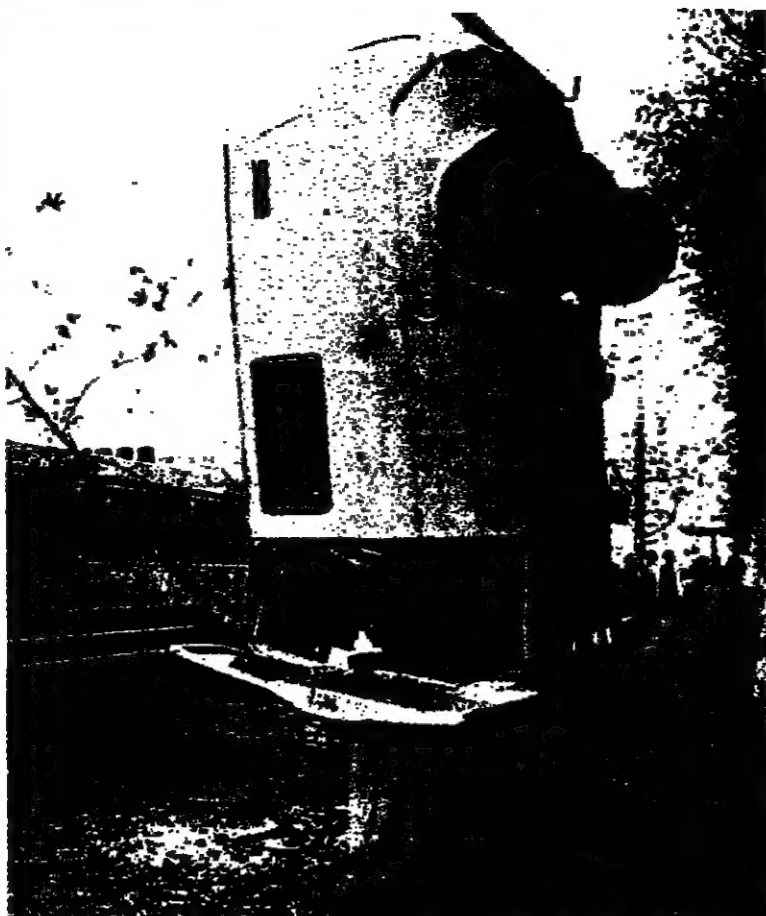
The fighting Communist Cells (CCC), which launched a bombing campaign against Nato-related targets in October, claimed responsibility for blasts at a pumping station and four other sites on the pipelines which would supply Nato forces in West Germany with motor

and aircraft fuel in wartime. No one was injured.

The Belgian Defence Ministry confirmed five "sabotage acts" and an officer said bomb disposal experts were sent to a sixth location named in a CCC statement found in a Brussels newspaper's mailbox after a telephone tipoff.

The pipelines were unguarded, the ministry said.

The CCC statement, delivered to the newspaper *La Cite*, said: "War on Nato has become the principal



A van ends up upright, in Rehov Sorotzkin in Jerusalem's Romema neighbourhood yesterday after a 16-year-old boy tried to drive the vehicle belonging to his employer, a plumber. The boy is in Shaare Zedek Hospital with minor injuries.

(Isaac Harari)

Egyptian moves to end 'cold peace' reported

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

There is a strong sense of optimism in top government circles here that relations with Egypt will soon dramatically improve.

They expect the early visit here of a special envoy from President Hosni Mubarak (recently confirmed publicly by Cairo) and, subsequently, substantive progress towards a thaw in the "cold peace."

The Foreign Ministry, however, doesn't seem to share this optimism. Several highly placed sources in the ministry said yesterday they knew of no grounds for particular optimism regarding the Israel-Egypt relationship at this time. The Foreign Ministry sources offered a more dour assessment, following meetings this week between Israeli Ambassador Moshe Sasson and the Egyptian prime minister and foreign minister.

The Foreign Ministry sources said "nothing special" had emerged from the envoy's conversation with Premier Kemal Hassan Ali and Foreign Minister Ismet Abdel-Meguid on the vexed issue of Taba or on other matters. They said Cairo was still positioning the cession of Taba, the IDF's withdrawal from Lebanon and

progress on the Palestinian problem as the three conditions for the return of an Egyptian ambassador to Tel Aviv and a summit meeting between Mubarak and Premier Shimon Peres.

But the government circles quoted above are confident that the Taba issue is resolvable — that despite hard line public rhetoric, the Egyptians are amenable to Israeli proposals for a joint administration of the disputed area while legal arbitration continues.

These circles hope for a broad package of improvements in the Egyptian-Israeli relationship which would include a summit, the resolution of the Taba problem, the return of the Egyptian ambassador, and the resumption of trade and cultural ties.

These government circles do not disclose that specific unpublished or back channel contacts between Cairo and Jerusalem exist, but they strongly imply that such a dialogue is underway. They say that Vice Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir is kept informed of developments, as are key U.S. administration policy-makers in Washington.

Zamir prohibits Bar-Lev from testifying at libel trial

The Attorney General's Office yesterday rejected *Time*'s request to subpoena Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev to appear at the New York libel trial initiated by Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon, claiming his testimony would harm both state security and the "public interest."

The magazine's lawyers had wanted Bar-Lev to testify on Sharon's role in five particular IDF actions in past years. The defence in its application said it wanted Bar-Lev to establish their position that "the

reputation Sharon has in Israel, the IDF and the defence establishment is as dishonest, a liar, coward, a cruel commander, lacking in respect for the sanctity of human life, cruel and merciless in his relations with Arabs, over-ambitious, impulsive, irresponsible and undisciplined."

Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir instructed his office to state that the damage he believed would be incurred by *Time* was marginal compared to what Israel might suffer if Bar-Lev

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MK: Squeeze on Tunik to soften bank share expose

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Treasury, the commercial banks and the Bank of Israel are trying to persuade State Comptroller Yitzhak Tunik to change the conclusions of his report on the bank share crisis of October 1983, the chairman of the Knesset Economics Committee, Eliyahu Speiser said yesterday.

Speiser (Labour) charged that Tunik has been pressed to change paragraphs in his report that would harm bodies and individuals involved in the crisis. Speiser added that the commercial banks are trying to conceal "dubious" transactions in which they were involved prior to the collapse of the bank shares.

He added that as a result of this pressure, publication of the report has been delayed. He demanded the release not only of the final version of the report, but also of the preliminary version, drafted before other bodies could react and put pressure on Tunik.

Speiser charged that the Bank of Israel and the Treasury are trying to conceal from the public their shortcomings in handling the bank shares; they had at their disposal all the tools needed to control developments in the capital market.

At the central bank there is increasing nervousness as the publication date of the report nears.

It was due to appear in the coming days, but apparently there is a new delay and Tunik will make the report public only at the end of the month.

Premier accepts Rumanian invitation

Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Prime Minister Shimon Peres has accepted an invitation from President Nicolae Ceausescu to visit Rumania, probably in February.

Peres has also been invited to Italy — the country which will take over the presidency of the EEC from January 1.

Peres told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee that an initial invitation from Ceausescu had been conveyed to him by MK Uzi Baram, secretary-general of the Labour Party, who recently attended the Rumanian Communist Party's 13th congress.

'This time we mean it' Peretz quits, says he was 'humiliated'

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Shas leader Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz yesterday informed Prime Minister Shimon Peres that his party was withdrawing from the government. Peretz gave the premier his letter of resignation, and said that this time the decision is final.

Agitated and angry, Minister without Portfolio Peretz blamed the Likud for deceiving Shas in negotiations over the division of the Interior and Religious Affairs Ministries between the Shas and the National Religious Party.

"I too am a human being. I too have nerves, and there is a limit to how much they can be stretched," Peretz said at an impromptu press conference in his office after announcing his resignation.

"I almost begged ministers (Moshe) Shalal and (Haim) Corfu for what had been officially prom-

ised Shas in the coalition agreement. Twice before I've made a fool of myself with my letter of resignation, allowing Peres to persuade me to take it back. But I've reached the conclusion that both the Likud and the Alignment must want me to resign. Now I've done what they

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Yitzhak Peretz announcing his resignation. (Harari)

IDF vessels reported in joint tests with U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP). — Amid reports of impending U.S.-Israeli naval exercises, the U.S. aircraft carrier *Eisenhower* sailed yesterday from Haifa after a nine-day stay.

AFP reported late last night from Washington that the joint exercise was already underway.

Sources in Israel reported that the *Eisenhower* and an escort vessel, the *Mississippi*, were to rendezvous with Israeli ships for sea exercises along Israel's coast.

Six Israeli officers would be aboard the *Mississippi* and some U.S. crewmen aboard the Israeli vessels, the sources said.

A Defence Department official here confirmed that the *Eisenhower*

was scheduled to sail and that the *Mississippi* was part of the carrier's battle group.

Joshua Brilliant adds:

The Israel Defence Forces spokesman and a U.S. Embassy source in Tel Aviv last night declined to confirm or deny the AP report of a joint exercise. The spokesman explained that "in principle, the IDF does not report on movements and exercises." The American source used similar language.

Israel and the U.S. have kept a tight lid of secrecy over their military cooperation schemes, and the U.S. is believed to have expressed its displeasure over the extensive Israeli

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Fighting rages near Beirut, in Kharroub

BEIRUT (AP). — Fierce tank and artillery battles raged yesterday in the central mountains above Beirut and in hills just north of Israel's occupation zone, raising fears that Lebanon is on the brink of a new round of civil warfare.

Blasts of exploding shells shook the capital in the afternoon as fighting spilled over to some Christian neighbourhoods in Beirut and its eastern outskirts.

The fighting in the central mountains pitted Lebanese Army troops in the mountaintop garrison of Sak el-Gharb and the hills around President Amin Jemayel's palace in suburban Ba'abda against Druse militiamen controlling opposite bluffs.

Farther south in the Kharroub

region near Israel's defence line at the Awali River, Druse fighters exchanged fire with Christian militiamen.

Druse leader Walid Jumblatt, who was summoned to Damascus Monday night, met yesterday with Syrian President Hafez Assad to discuss the situation.

State-run Beirut Radio quoted Jumblatt afterwards as ordering his fighters to "observe the cease-fire and abstain from shelling residential neighbourhoods."

But a short time later, the Christian East Beirut neighbourhoods of Sin el-Fil, Ashrafieh and Dikwanch, and the eastern suburbs of Ba'abda, Hazmieh and Mansourieh came under a heavy barrage of rocket and

tank fire, according to reports.

In Damascus, meanwhile, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy met with Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Sharaa. The official Syrian Arab News Agency said only that the discussions focused on Lebanon.

The top American expert on Middle East Affairs earlier had visited Saudi Arabia, Israel and Lebanon. He is expected to visit Egypt and Jordan during his trip, the second to the region in as many months.

While in Beirut Monday, Murphy said his trip is aimed at getting the stalemated Israeli-Lebanese troop withdrawal negotiations at Nakoura moving.

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Forecast: Rain in the North, spreading southwards.

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Tiberias	37	5-14	15
Nazareth	41	1-17	16
Afula	32	2-13	12
Shomron	32	5-17	16
Be'er Sheva	49	3-17	16
Jericho	37	0-19	20
Gaza	33	5-16	16
Beer Sheva	21	2-16	16
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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Prof. Edward Newman of Temple University, Philadelphia, is to speak on the treatment of retarded children at the Herta and Paul Amirson Foundation for the Study of the Handicapped at 1 p.m. today.

ARRIVALS

Annette Dubin, from the U.S. and Canada, after a three-week U.S. tour and as a guest lecturer at the CIP general assembly in Toronto.

Coins less than IS1 on their way out

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Coins of lower value than one shekel are to be phased out and from the end of next February will no longer be legal tender, Bank of Israel officials have reported.
They point out that the half-shekel, and 10 and one agora coins cost far more to mint than their face value.
They admitted that each shekel coin also costs more than IS1, but pointed out that there is still a need for this coin in purchasing subsidized foods.

Katyusha dismantled in South Lebanon

METULLA (Itim). - A Katyusha rocket ready to be fired and aimed at an IDF outpost in Nabatiya was discovered yesterday in South Lebanon and dismantled by army sappers. There were no injuries and no damage.
The rocket and its launcher were found on a routine patrol near an orchard. An officer said that terrorists had increased their attempts lately to attack with Katyushas.

Youth resentenced following state appeal

NAZARETH (Itim). - District Court here has resentenced a minor convicted of assaulting a German tourist to six months in jail. He was originally given a suspended sentence.
The youth from nearby Iklat, had been convicted of "indecent assault" by a juvenile court although he had raped an 18-year-old tourist. The state prosecutor appealed the sentence, claiming it was too light.

Barcelona clip Hapoel in hoopster cup finals

Post Sports Reporter
Hapoel Tel Aviv, leading almost all the way, finally gave up their victory with three minutes left to play, losing 101 to 96 to Barcelona, the Spanish champions, in the second round of the European Cup-winners Cup competition at Ussishkin Stadium in Tel Aviv last night.
Barcelona was led by Juan Sanepafanio with 40 points. Hapoel Tel Aviv got 28 points from Mike Largee and 22 each from Lamon Mercer and Pini Hozez.

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Peres tells Knesset panel:

French support any practical moves to peace

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Though "some areas of disagreement" still exist between Israel and France, French President Francois Mitterrand has expressed readiness to support any practical moves by Israel that may lead to a breakthrough in the peace process.

That was the gist of the message Prime Minister Shimon Peres brought yesterday to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee. He also reiterated his "surprise and satisfaction" that the subject of the Palestine Liberation Organization was not raised in France, neither in his meetings with French leaders nor in public utterances by persons whom he met.

Members of the committee were united in lauding Peres for his successful visit to Paris. Even members who consistently criticize the pre-

mier joined in the praise. For committee chairman Abba Eban (Alignment), the premier's trip "expressed all the positive aspects prevailing in Franco-Israeli relations...and this is a great personal achievement by the prime minister."

For Victor Shemtov (Mapam) the trip was not only a personal accomplishment for Peres, but of benefit to the nation as well since "our deep friendship with the U.S. is not enough; we must seek more friends."

Peres said that two joint working committees have been set up to arrange details of future industrial, scientific and technological cooperation between Israel and France.

At the government-to-government level, it was decided that joint scientific and technological ventures would be boosted by estab-

lishment of a French-Israeli research and development fund.

Also proposed during Peres' trip with French officials was establishment of "three-way approaches" to advance international trade between France, Israel and the U.S. The key to this scheme would be the imminent removal of U.S. import tariff barriers for goods coming from Israel, under the free trade area agreement.

In the political sphere, government ministers from both countries would meet twice a year "for purposes of updating and coordination of views."

When Shemtov asked whether the national unity government is capable of advancing the peace process, Peres replied that if negotiations with Jordan get underway, and they require "conclusions involving territorial changes," it would be im-

possible to preserve the unity of the present government. "Nobody is attempting to hide this fact, which is clearly stated in the guidelines laid down during the formation of the national unity government," he said.

Peres added: "We have been telling the Europeans that they can choose two paths. They can encourage the Arabs of the administered areas to sit down and negotiate with us, or they can continue in their hopeless backing of the PLO."

"If they really wish to contribute towards a Middle East peace, they should choose the first path, just as they did when they encouraged Egyptian president Anwar Sadat to make peace with Israel."

On Lebanon, Peres said Israel is "hearing two voices from across the border." One says Israel should withdraw as soon as possible, while the other implies hesitancy.

Jordan 'has not ruled out' Reagan's Mideast peace initiative

Post Mideast Affairs Reporter

Jordanian Foreign Minister Taher Masri said yesterday that Jordan has not ruled out a reactivation of President Ronald Reagan's 1982 Middle East peace initiative.

In an interview with the Associated Press, Masri stressed, however, that if the president wished to revive the initiative, "then Mr. Reagan has to do something concerning the plan, and the best thing is to start

talking to the Israelis about it."

He noted that Jordan "demands an active role from the United States, whether it's through his (Reagan's) initiative or a renewed one or other new ideas."

Masri also said he would not rule out a joint Jordanian-Palestinian negotiating team as proposed during the discussion of the Reagan plan, to overcome Israel's refusal to deal with the PLO.

But he added that such an approach would first have to be approved by the PLO.

Masri reiterated that Jordan would not negotiate with Israel alone - an idea frequently suggested by Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

"I cannot neglect Syria," he said in a reference to Syria's loss of the Golan Heights to Israel in 1967. "Syria cannot neglect Jordan. We cannot neglect the Palestinians."

Masri repeated Jordan's standard public position that an international conference with the participation of all parties to the conflict, including the PLO and the two superpowers, would be the best way of achieving progress.

He expressed the hope that European support for the international conference idea would eventually wear down the opposition of both Israel and the U.S.

Sharon 'obsessed' with report of 2,000 PLO men still in Beirut

By WALTER RUBY

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. - William Smith, the senior Time writer who wrote the magazine's February, 1983, cover story "The Verdict is Guilty" that precipitated Ariel Sharon's \$50 million libel suit against the magazine, testified yesterday in the trial that it was Sharon's "obsession" with what Smith termed the "untrue report" that there were 2,000 armed PLO fighters remaining in West Beirut, that led Sharon to order the Phalangists in to Sabra and Shatilla.

Smith was asked by Sharon's lawyer Milton Gould to explain why in an earlier cover story on Sabra and Shatilla (October 4, 1982), he had used the term "obsession" to describe Sharon's theory on the supposed PLO presence in Beirut.

Smith replied: "The term 'obsession' means that Sharon persisted in thinking that 2,000 fighters were still in the camps and had to be rooted out. As a result, he allowed 150

Phalangists to go into the camps after them. Something was obviously wrong." Smith said he believed that "there may have been a breakdown in Israeli intelligence, which misled (Sharon) into believing that there were sizable terrorist forces in the camps."

Smith, who began his testimony late Monday, appeared poised, self-confident and authoritative on the witness stand, in marked contrast to the previous witness, ex-Jerusalem bureau chief Harry Kelly, who often seemed unsure and defensive under Gould's cross-examination.

Despite efforts by Gould to shake in an earlier cover story on Sabra and Shatilla (October 4, 1982), he had used the term "obsession" to describe Sharon's theory on the supposed PLO presence in Beirut.

Late Monday, Gould pressed Smith as to why he had changed wording of an earlier dispatch from Hailey on the subject of Sharon's meeting at Bikfaya with Pierre and Amin Jemayel.

Hailey had written that Sharon gave the Jemayels the "feeling" that he understood their need to take revenge, whereas in the final version written by Smith, the passage read that Sharon "discussed" the subject of revenge with the Jemayels.

Smith said that he had read Hailey's dispatch on the communication between Sharon and the Jemayels to mean "words, words," adding "to my mind, clearly, this was a discussion. (Sharon) certainly speaks here of understanding their need to take revenge."

Smith added that in his opinion the "crucial point" was that "what Mr. Sharon was most concerned about was getting the phalangists involved in the fighting."

Smith's certainty that Sharon and

the Jemayels had "discussed" revenge was at variance with testimony from both Hailey and Kelly. Hailey had testified that reliable sources informed him that during the Bikfaya meeting Sharon either used "body language" or simply "remained silent" when Pierre Jemayel mentioned the need for revenge, thereby leading the Jemayels to assume that he was untroubled at the prospect that the Phalangists might carry out killings of civilians.

Kelly testified last week that in retrospect he "would not have used the word 'discussed' to describe the communication between the then defence minister and the Jemayels on the subject of revenge."

In response to a question from Gould, Smith said he had not been aware in 1982-83 that Hailey had been placed on probation in 1980 by Time's chief of correspondents Richard Duncan for a mistaken report on the health of then Prime Minister Menachem Begin.



Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin chats with soldiers completing their elementary school studies at the IDF educational base at Havat Hashomer. (IDF Spokesman)

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or other ministers be allowed to publicly testify at the trial.
Bar-Lev has been asked to appear in lieu of his publicly stated poor opinion of Sharon, who had served under the former chief of staff's command.

But Zamir stated that an officer's evaluation of a subordinate should be left to the IDF for consideration and not to such public forums as Sharon's libel trial against a foreign magazine.

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim (Likud-Liberals) said yesterday that although the libel suit was indeed a matter that affected the country, Sharon should, if awarded damages, be allowed to keep them.

Nissim explained in TV and radio interviews that Sharon had not availed himself of government financial aid that, according to regulations, might have been granted, preferring instead to pursue litigation privately. The minister added that Sharon should perhaps have requested a temporary leave of absence from his ministerial position to participate in the New York suit but, he said, Sharon need not have resigned. (Itim)

Yeroham shut for hour

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. - The town hall, labour council, schools and factories in Yeroham are to close for one hour today, from 11 a.m. to noon, in a protest against the high level of unemployment in the Negev's oldest development town.

A third of the work force is reported to be jobless.

JOINT TESTS

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press coverage of a joint medical evacuation exercise held last June. The Americans considered that the exercise successful.

In the June 20 exercise, U.S. helicopters "evacuated" 46 "wounded" Marines from the Nassau helicopter assault ship, which had been in Haifa port, to the Rambam Hospital in Haifa and to Tel Hashomer Hospital near Tel Aviv.
American medical officers closely followed the evacuation procedure and subsequent hospital treatment to gauge its organization and efficiency. The exercise also tested communications between the U.S. Sixth Fleet and Israeli authorities as well as the Israeli air traffic control systems used to help the helicopters reach the hospital landing pads.

Trouble in Treasury-NII talks

By ILAN CHAIM

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Three weeks of negotiations between the Treasury and the National Insurance Institute collapsed yesterday, when Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i vetoed a compromise proposal to protect the purchasing power of the neediest NII beneficiaries against inflation.

By yesterday morning, Treasury and NII negotiators had reached agreement on a proposed amendment to the National Insurance Institute Law that would update benefits for some 235,000 pensioners, widows and disabled persons. But when the Treasury team sought Moda'i's approval, he rejected the

proposal.

Senior NII officials spoke bitterly about the setback, saying Moda'i has "not the least amount of social sensitivity or understanding of the needs of poor people." They described his rejection of the proposal as "a stab in the back."

At a second meeting last evening at the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Minister Moshe Katsav, NII Director-General Nissim Baruch and the Treasury representatives agreed to resume negotiations today. Katsav, Baruch and Moda'i are to meet this morning to attempt to reach agreement, with the understanding that if it is not reached by Sunday, the matter will be brought to the cabinet.

2 TA underworld figures sent to prison

TEL AVIV (Itim). - Two Tel Aviv underworld figures, Yosef Avichazar, 24, and Menahem Zioni, 35, were sent to prison yesterday for terms from four to six years, for shooting Eli Shabbat after passing judgement on him in an "underworld court."

On the night of March 26, 1984, Avichazar and Zioni went to Shabbat's home in Tel Aviv and asked him to accompany them to Zioni's home nearby. When they reached the house, the two put Shabbat in a storeroom and accused him of "doing wrong by a friend of Avichazar's" by causing the arrest abroad of escaped life-terminer Zion Abutbul.

They insisted that Shabbat pay \$30,000.

When Shabbat started to argue,

Avichazar pulled out his pistol and shot him in a leg.
Shabbat finally paid them \$170,000 when they took him home, but he later complained to the police.

Avichazar was also charged with attacking the police.

Suspect held for murder

HAIFA (Itim). - A resident of Bueina village near Nazareth was remanded yesterday for 15 days by magistrate's court here on suspicion of murder and attempted murder in a dispute between shawarma vendors.
Khader Dib Iyada, 28, is suspected of stabbing to death Yasser Said Asli, 24, of Arraba, and wounding Hussein Yusef Badernana, 24, of the same village.

STRIKE

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Director-General Eliezer Shmueli agreed to take responsibility for hygienic conditions in the schools.

Earlier yesterday, the teachers had given their pupils letters to the parents which said schools would remain closed for the duration of the municipal workers' strike because deteriorating hygienic conditions endangered the children's health.

Kindergarten teachers hired by the municipality will continue to strike pending receipt of their November salaries. However, those

hired by the Education Ministry will open their kindergartens if it guarantees them help (the kindergarten teachers assistants are municipal employees now on strike) and solves the hygiene problem.

Most Tel Aviv high school teachers continued to strike for their November pay, as did high school teachers employed by the Or Akiba, Azata and Ofakim local authorities. The Secondary School Teachers Association ordered them off the job on Sunday and told them not to return until they were paid.

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Parisian Mayor Jacques Chirac greets the wife of MK Eliyahu Ben-Elissar at a Jerusalem reception yesterday while Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir looks on. (Vera Etzion)

Peres discusses Ata with Clal bosses

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Shimon Peres met yesterday with the heads of the Clal corporation to try to enlist their help in the search for solutions to the crisis at the bankrupt Ata textile concern. The meeting ended without results.

Aharon Dovrat, managing director of Clal, said he and his colleagues had come to Peres's office "out of

respect for the prime minister." He said he would meet with Acting Industry and Trade Minister Moshe Nissim and Avraham Shapira, the head of the Knesset Finance Committee, to examine the issue further.

However, Dovrat held out no hope that Clal would step in to keep Ata going until a buyer for Ata could be found.

Kupat Holim may share J'lem hospital

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem's oldest Jewish hospital, Misgav Ladach, is negotiating with the Histadrut's Kupat Holim health fund on the possibility of sharing the facilities of the hospital building under construction.

Although neither the Kupat Holim spokesman nor the Misgav Ladach management was willing to discuss details, yesterday hospital authorities said a meeting this week with Prof. Haim Doron, head of the health fund, was "very promising."

Doron was present at Misgav Ladach yesterday when Health Minister Mordechai Gur and Prof. Dan Michaeli, director-general of the ministry, visited both the existing

hospital and the unfinished building on Rehov Hezekiyahu Hamelech.

Gur told Reuven Kashani, director of Misgav Ladach, and Dr. Michael Stark, medical director, that the Treasury has given a negative answer to the hospital's appeal for funds to finish the hospital. Until this year Misgav Ladach has never requested government funding. But Yehzekiel Shemes, Jerusalem restaurateur who heads the hospital's building fund, says that after raising \$2 million the hospital realized that it must find local support to complete the building.

Later yesterday Gur and Michaeli visited Bikur Holim Hospital where the minister said he would do all in his power to assist the hospital in the present financial crisis.

'Better-off would pay for care'

By LEA LEVAVI

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - A plan requiring patients with means to pay for visits to doctors and for some hospital services, in addition to their monthly health fund payments, will be one of the topics discussed at the Israel Medical Society's convention at the Ramada Continental Hotel here today and tomorrow.

Previewing the meeting, Dr. Ram Ishay, the society's chairman, said that the government cannot continue subsidizing health services endlessly. "If money is to be available for on-going care for the chronically ill, then those with short minor illnesses must pay," he said.

The four doctors participating in Monday's press conference differed on whether the additional amount should be a token payment or a substantial sum whereby the econo-

mically well-off patients would pay for medical care received by the poorer patients. "Those who continue to mouth socialist slogans about equal medicine for all are creating a situation where medical care will be equally bad for all," Dr. Arye Orenstein said.

Ishay added that the patient who has to wait four months for a barium test finds no consolation in the fact that the country has highly sophisticated medical equipment which, he added, is under-utilized.

Asked whether the Health Ministry or Finance Ministry would listen to the doctors' views on these issues, Ishay said the Health Ministry has set up a committee with representatives of the ministry, the health funds, the Hadassah Medical Organization and the Israel Medical Society to review the organization of the health services.

Macrobiotics healer gets 5 months in jail

TEL AVIV (Itim). - A macrobiotics specialist who told a man suffering from a kidney deficiency to stop taking his dialysis treatment and take no more medication was sentenced earlier this week in the magistrate's court here to five months in prison and a three-month suspended sentence.

Eli Strauss, 58, was charged with substituting macrobiotic diet therapy for medical treatment, after a charge that he impersonated a doctor was dropped. Strauss prescribed a special diet of natural foods and no meat for the kidney patient who came to him for help instead of the medical treatment the sick man was already receiving.

Strauss said in his defence that he

had not made his recommendations for gain and that he had had many successes with patients. He also said he holds a doctor's diploma from a university in Scotland.

Former Knesset member Mordechai Ben-Porat, who is an advocate of macrobiotics, testified in favour of the diet, and said former health minister Eliezer Shostak had agreed to establish a committee to investigate macrobiotic approaches to health.

In his ruling the judge said substituting macrobiotic treatment for medical treatment is against the law, regardless of whether it is successful or not, and that he handed down a prison term, rather than a fine as a deterrent.

Policeman jailed for using unnecessary force

PETAH TIKVA (Itim). - A policeman was convicted yesterday of using unnecessary force against a citizen and was sentenced by the disciplinary court here to a month in jail. He was also fined IS10,000.

The policeman was convicted of beating an Ashdod merchant whose shop had been burgled and who

refused to accompany him to the police station.

The policeman had previous convictions on similar charges. However, the court said it was giving him a relatively light sentence because in the course of duty he has often had to risk his life.

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IDF will check on women hitch-hikers

By LEA LEVAVI

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Women army officers, together with the military police, are to patrol *trampolines* (hitch-hiking posts) next week to find out how many women soldiers try to hitch-hike at night, the chief women's officer in the IDF, Aluf Mishne Amir Dotan, told reporters at Beit Sokolov yesterday.

Current orders state that women soldiers are not to hitch-hike at night (after about 4.40 p.m. at this time of year), and any woman soldier who does not have transport home after that hour is to stay on her base.

"I know it means sharing a room with a few other women and not eating mamma's cooking," Dotan added.

The reporters, however, had their own stories to tell. Some told of being stopped by women soldiers hitch-hiking at night who explained that they had left their base at 3 p.m. but were still far from home. Others knew of cases where the women's commanding officer did not dismiss them until after 6 p.m. on bases where there are no sleeping quarters for women.

There was even one story told of an officer who punished a woman soldier for not returning to base on time: when she claimed lack of transport he told her she should have hitch-hiked.

Dotan said women soldiers or parents who want to complain about these or other specific cases may write to her or to the soldiers' ombudsman. Punishment will be meted out where necessary, she said, and institutional solutions found where appropriate.

On other subjects, she said that about 48 per cent of women soldiers do clerical and administrative jobs, compared with over 70 per cent seven or eight years ago. The emphasis today is on training women soldiers for technological jobs but here the problem is lack of awareness.

"I participated in a seminar a few weeks ago with high school teachers and guidance counsellors who were surprised to learn that women could do certain kinds of technological and engineering work they had thought were limited to men," Dotan said.

"We also have to educate the young women themselves, as well as their parents and the men with whom they will be working."

Asked about women whose intellectual potential is being wasted because they spend their time in the army serving coffee and typing, Dotan responded that army service is not a time for intellectual development and any woman who feels her potential is not being used in full should volunteer to help children or elderly people after her working hours in the army.



An elderly woman finds lean pickings yesterday amid the garbage swamping Tel Aviv's Carmel Market and other locations throughout the city because of the municipal strike. (Andre Brutman)

In 'kerosene injections' case

'Police forced confession,' man tells court

TEL AVIV (Itim). — The man charged with injecting kerosene into his wife and girlfriend told the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday that he had confessed to killing his wife and attempting to kill his girlfriend after Holon police threatened he would be unable to see his daughters.

"They're the most precious things I have," Moshe Levy, 34, of Holon, told the court.

Levy insisted he had injected a non-toxic substance into his wife. However, he admitted he had injected kerosene into his girlfriend, Suzanne Amoyal, 22, but it had not occurred to him she would be harmed. Levy also doubted that the kerosene had left her paralyzed from the waist down.

He also denied having raped Amoyal after putting sleeping pills in her coffee.

Levy identified the three Holon policemen who threatened him as Pakad Roim, Mefakeh Haroush, and Rav-Seren Deban.

Contrary to his statement to the

police, Levy told the court that he and his wife had not quarreled and she did not want a divorce. (The wife died in June 1983, about three months after being injected.)

Levy told the three-judge bench that on an evening in March 1983, he had injected a plastic substance into his wife. He said he had assumed she would be feverish for several days during which he would nurse her to prove his devotion.

"During the four months Dana was in a hospital, I never left her. I never imagined she would die. I tried to encourage her and give her the feeling she wasn't being abandoned and that she would pull through."

Levy told the court that a few weeks after he had met Amoyal in the restaurant where she worked, she had agreed to accompany him to Switzerland. But he insisted they had not had sexual relations abroad.

At this point, Amoyal's father shouted: "Why are you lying? Tell the truth; I'm not ready to listen to such lies." The court's president, Judge Ya'acov Meitz had the father

removed from the court.

Continuing his testimony, Levy said that after returning from Switzerland, Amoyal looked after his daughters. He gave gifts to her and her family, including furniture. "The money didn't mean anything to me," he said, "because she told my daughters she'd be their mother and bring them a little brother."

But the night he proposed marriage, she put me off, Levy said. We had sexual relations and then she asked me to buy her a car, he continued. Later that night "during a moment of weakness," Levy said that he put the pills into her coffee and when she fell asleep, he injected the kerosene into three spots on her body.

"I said to myself that if she's sick, she'll have some fever and see how much I look after her. She'll understand my inner feelings and agree to marry me," he said.

Levy asked the court to let him visit his daughters during Hanukka. The court said it would make a decision on Sunday.

Shahal: 'Gov't has stopped initiating drilling for oil'

By AARON SITTNER

Jerusalem Post Reporter
All government-initiated oil drilling has been halted except for selected test drillings in unexplored areas, Energy Minister Moshe Shahal told the Knesset yesterday.

But the government will encourage and initiate oil exploration by foreign investors and private Israeli firms, he said.

The minister was replying to a motion for the agenda by Binyamin Ben-Eliezer (Alignment-Yahad) on "The destruction of the country's oil exploration infrastructure."

After \$250 million was spent in the past nine years in the search for oil in this country — "and with very, very limited success" — the government has decided to "revise its approach towards oil exploration activities, especially in view of the country's difficult economic situation," Shahal said.

He disclosed that despite 131 drillings costing \$188m., plus \$62m. in geophysical surveys, only a single small gas field has been discovered —

in Northern Sinai.

The main thrust of the state's efforts in coming years will be to concentrate on "basic research tied to the factors determining the chances of discovering oil or gas fields," Shahal said.

In his agenda motion, Ben-Eliezer charged that the halt in oil exploration means "a virtual end to the hope of finding petroleum under our ground, something that would surely spell economic independence for us."

While Israel imports 8.5 million tons of crude oil a year at a cost of more than \$1.5b., the Energy Ministry now wants to spend only about one half of a per cent of that amount in the search for oil, Ben-Eliezer said.

"The Energy Ministry," he added, "is made up of people who lack confidence, while foreign geologists and investors believe that approximately 400 million tons of oil lie beneath the surface of our country — enough to meet our requirements for 40 years or more."

Sarid takes back anti-Kahane bills

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Knesset Member Yossi Sarid (Citizen Rights Movement) yesterday removed his bills against Kach MK Meir Kahane and movements similar to Kach from the agenda of the Knesset House Committee and the Labour Party's procrastination on the issue.

The committee, which convened yesterday to discuss Sarid's bills, was adjourned, having decided to continue the debate next week.

MK Shevah Weiss, speaking for the Labour faction, said it deferred

decision on the Kahane issue until two bills presented by the government are debated. Weiss said the bills presented to the House Committee may be boomerang, leading to the restriction of the immunity of Knesset Members on the opposite end of the political spectrum from Kach.

Sarid presented one bill together with MK Edna Solodard (Labour) restricting Kahane's freedom of movement. The second bill, in the name of the CRM, restricts the immunity of Knesset Members in cases of their harming democracy, inciting to racism and disturbing the peace.

5% fall in road accidents this year

By AARON SITTNER

Jerusalem Post Reporter
There has been a drop of between 4 and 5 per cent in road accidents this year compared with 1983, Transport Minister Haim Corfu told the Knesset yesterday during a debate on road safety.

"Of course there is still much to be done," Corfu said. "But we are happy to note that in the past five years we have witnessed a decrease of 31.1 per cent in the number of road accident fatalities, compared with the five-year period preceding. Very few countries can make that

claim."

He regretted that due to the economic crisis annual outlays for road maintenance and construction are only a third of what they were during the past decade.

Corfu rejected proposals to make the use of safety belts compulsory for city as well as inter-urban driving. He said: "In the most developed countries, where much progress has been made in cutting down the number of accidents, notably the U.S. and Japan, there is no safety belt requirement for local motoring. Why enact laws here which people would be unable to observe?"

Frosty spell due to end, rain forecast for tonight

By YITZHAK OKED

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The frosty weather is expected to end tonight with rain in the north and centre of the country forecast to slightly lift temperatures, the weather station Beit Dagan reported last night.

The frost has damaged about 60 per cent of the early pepper crops for export. It is believed that the farmers concerned will lose about \$100,000. Damage to eggplant crops has also been reported.

This is likely to bring a drop in the

prices of peppers and eggplants on the local market, since some of the produce which cannot be exported will be offered locally, observers said.

The frost has not yet hit fruit trees. It has been learned that if a severe frost is forecast, orchard owners plan to irrigate the trees, since irrigation raises the temperature sufficiently to put the trees out of danger.

Meteorologist Uri Batz said this has been the coldest December since 1972. In that year, however, the frost came towards the end of the month.

Petrol bombs thrown at Israeli vehicle

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Two incendiary bomb attacks and sporadic stone-throwing were reported in the West Bank over the past 48 hours. No injuries or damage were reported.

Two petrol bombs were thrown at a passing Israeli vehicle near the

suburb of Shufat north of Jerusalem late on Monday night. They exploded harmlessly on the road.

In the village of Beit Sabour, a petrol bomb was hurled at but missed an Israeli bus.

Stone-throwing was reported in the centre of Nablus.

Lawyer named in Umm el-Fahm violence

HAIFA (Itim). — Umm el-Fahm lawyer Hassen Ali Abu Hassen, 31, has been under arrest since December 6 on suspicion of heading an extremist nationalist gang in the village. This was revealed in district court here yesterday after the judge lifted the ban on publishing his name.

The gang which Hassen is alleged to have organized and directed,

according to police, carried out a series of torchings, assaults and shootings in the village in the last 10 months. Two people were injured.

Police say the main motive was nationalist.

Hassen's attorney told the court yesterday that his client is innocent and the charges are based on a fabrication by an 18-year-old youth with a criminal record.

Tsur pleased by decision on Ethiopians

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Absorption Minister Ya'acov Tsur yesterday expressed satisfaction with a decision by the Chief Rabbinate Council this week requiring male immigrants from Ethiopia to undergo only ritual immersion after their arrival here, providing they are properly circumcised.

Tsur met this week with Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapiro and told him of the strong opposition among Ethiopian immigrants to

ritual procedures that they have had to undergo in order to be considered Jews.

All males who were circumcised in Ethiopia, had a drop of blood taken as a symbol of circumcision on their arrival here. The requirement was set years ago by the late chief rabbi Isaac Halevy Herzog.

According to the new decision, men and women will be required only to undergo immersion in a mikve (ritual bath).

Conversion ban in Argentina hits community

Jerusalem Post Reporter
A 100-year *halachic* ban on conversion of non-Jews in Argentina is keeping many mixed-marriage couples from joining the Jewish community there, chairman Arye Dulzin has reminded the Jewish Agency Executive.

Dulzin returned recently from Latin America. The ban was imposed in 1928

when immigrants introduced a strong anti-religious feeling. There was also a lack of Jewish religious authority and leadership at the time.

Most weddings involving Jews in Argentinian cities distant from the main centres of population are intermarriages, Dulzin said.

The Executive decided that more young South American Jews must be brought to Israel for high school and university study.

Metropolitan team choosing exhibits

Jerusalem Post Reporter
A high-level delegation from New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art is in Jerusalem selecting items from the Israel Museum for what reportedly will be the largest exhibition of Israeli archeology ever shown abroad.

The exhibition is expected to include one of the major Dead Sea Scrolls, exhibited abroad for the first time.

Preparations three years ago for a similar exhibition were dropped when the Metropolitan's board officials became fearful of political over-

tones in the presentation of some items found in the territories taken over by Israel in the Six Day War.

The museum reversed this stand under strong pressure from New York Mayor Ed Koch and the city's Jewish community. In March 1982, board chairman Douglas Dillon notified Mayor Teddy Kolek that the exhibition will be held.

The five-man museum mission arrived in Jerusalem last Saturday for a week's stay. It is led by the museum's deputy director, James Pilgrim, and includes an exhibition designer and the museum's curator for Greek and Roman art.

Shortage of 3,000 engineers and technicians—Tsur

By JUDY SIEGEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter
There is a shortage of more than 3,000 engineers and technicians in the country's civilian and military high-technology industries, Absorption Minister Ya'acov Tsur said yesterday. An even greater shortfall is predicted in the coming decade, he added.

Top Absorption Ministry officials are to meet next week with the heads of most of the companies to try to find ways of preventing emigration and to bring qualified engineers, scientists and researchers back from abroad.

Tsur is to ask the industrialists how the government can help them get staff and what the companies are doing to alleviate the shortage.

The minister is to go to the U.S. later this month, primarily to meet with 3,000 Israeli engineers and engineering technicians living there.

Tsur said he intends to charge Israeli consulates and embassies — through the Foreign Ministry — with being "the address" for *yordim* (emigrants) who want to return and need information about housing, jobs and the like. Until now, Jewish Agency emissaries have been dealing with emigrants.

UK committee formed to help Syrian Jewry

LONDON (JTA). — A committee to aid Syrian Jewry has been formed here under the presidency of Leon Tamman, treasurer of the World Sephardi Federation.

It aims to arouse public and political support in Britain for the 4,500 Jews whose emigration has been banned for many years by the Syrian government.

Martin Shaw, chairman of the committee, said this week that fears were growing for Syrian Jewry following the news that Rifaat Assad, brother of President Hafez Assad, was again in charge of the country's internal security.

DRUG RING. — Tiberias police yesterday arrested 17 residents on suspicion of being part of a drug dealing ring.

Two elderly Poles honoured for helping to save Jews

Jerusalem Post Staff

Two elderly Poles were present yesterday when they were honoured as Righteous Gentiles by the Yad Vashem Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Authority for their part in helping save Jews during the Holocaust.

The two were Boleslaw Turczinski, 87, and Boleslaw Kruze, 82. Trees were planted in their names along the Avenue of the Righteous.

Turczinski and his wife gave refuge to a number of Jews in their home near Warsaw from spring 1943 to fall 1944. At first the Jews paid, but when their money ran out the

Turczinskis sheltered and fed them without payment.

Turczinski said at the ceremony: "I would like this to be a message to future young people on how they ought to behave in similar situations."

Boleslaw Kruze for five years hid the Kestenberg family in his house. In addition, he smuggled food into the Warsaw Ghetto without payment.

Kruze said: "I don't consider myself a hero. As a believing Catholic, I acted in accordance with the divine commandment, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.'"

\$26,500 offered for finding Mengele

ASUNCION, Paraguay (AP). — The newspaper *El Diario* ran a full-page paid advertisement Monday offering the equivalent of \$26,500 for information leading to the capture of Nazi war criminal Josef Mengele.

The ad was placed by Nazi-hunter Beate Klarsfeld, and asked anyone with information about Mengele to forward it to her Paris address.

A large photograph of an elderly man, which the ad said showed Mengele and was taken in 1976, ran above a caption which said: "Do you recognize this man?" It described him as "the world's most wanted killer" and said he was "responsible for the deaths of some 400,000 Jews

in gas chambers during World War II."

Klarsfeld contends that Mengele is sheltered in Paraguay, although government officials repeatedly insist he left the country many years ago.

Mengele, accused of conducting sadistic medical experiments and ordering the deaths of thousands of Jews at Auschwitz, fled to South America after the war.

OFFICE. — Mitzvah, the league for family rights, has opened its national office at room 151, 2 Rehov Ben Yehuda, Jerusalem.

NATO PIPELINES

(Continued from Page One)

of Brussels, and at the Glons pumping station near the eastern city of Liege, police reported.

Damage from the other bombings was less severe, they said.

Security has been further tightened for a meeting of Nato foreign ministers here tomorrow and Friday at which terrorism is expected to be discussed, officials said.

Previous CCC attacks struck the Belgium branches of three U.S. and West German companies accused of supplying parts for Nato's cruise and Pershing-2 nuclear missiles.

The group has also attacked two offices of Belgium's ruling centre-

right parties and most recently bombed telecommunications masts outside a Nato airbase in eastern Belgium.

Nato's 5,900km. long central European pipeline system is maintained and operated by a civilian body, the Central European Operating Agency, based in Versailles, France.

The network, some of which is more than 20 years old, is due to be modernized over the next six years.

The CCC statement, quoting at length from ideological writings of Italy's Red Brigades, said Belgium was the "pivotal point of the maneuver capability of imperialist troops."

Convict tracked to Beduin encampment

By LIORA MORIEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter
An escaped convict suffered a rude awakening Monday night after having briefly basked in the warmth of traditional Beduin hospitality.

The convict had bolted from Nafha Prison near Mitzpe Ramon where he and some 20 other Jewish prisoners were held in minimal security conditions, (though non-Jewish terrorists are interred there

under strict security arrangements).

Serving a 33-month sentence for burglary, the escapee fled to the Avdat ruins where he asked for shelter for the night of Beduin living there. But prison guards tracked him to the Beduin encampment and he was handcuffed and quickly returned to prison.

"I escaped because I knew that my recent behaviour in jail did not warrant my getting a leave," he explained to police yesterday morning.

15,000 Christmas pilgrims expected, up 25%

Jerusalem Post Reporter


Tourism officials expect some 15,000 pilgrims for the Christmas season, 25 per cent more than last year.

Details on Christian holiday services are available at all Tourist Information Offices.

Entry to the Roman Catholic midnight mass at St. Catherine's Church, adjoining the Basilica of the Nativity in Bethlehem, is by invita-

tion only. Those wishing to attend should apply to the Christian Information Centre, near Jaffa Gate in the Old City.

Christmas trees, which are available free to Christian institutions, foreign correspondents, and other diplomatic and official institutions, (and, for a small fee, to private individuals), must be ordered by Friday from the Jewish National Fund, 02-240251.



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West would back action to foil terrorism—Shultz

LONDON (Reuters). — Secretary of State George Shultz said yesterday he believed pre-emptive American action against terrorists would be broadly supported in the West.

"I think that some action, if we can identify it precisely and execute the action properly, will command broad support," he told reporters in London.

Shultz, in Europe to consult allies on his meeting next month with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, said he was not suggesting retaliation against Islamic hijackers overpowered on Sunday at the end of a six-day hijack at Teheran airport. The hijackers killed two U.S. officials.

The purpose of any U.S. military action would be to pre-empt any terrorist attack, not revenge, he said. He believed such a strike would not worsen anti-U.S. terrorism.

"They don't seem to need additional excuses to hit us. They seem to be anxious to do what damage they can," he said.

"I don't see any evidence of a pattern of restraint on their part that would be removed by some action that we took."

Shultz was meeting British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe yesterday and was to confer with other NATO foreign ministers later

this week at a regular alliance meeting in Brussels.

Shultz said the consultations would be general, as Washington had not decided what specific proposals on resuming U.S.-Soviet arms talks he would put to Gromyko on January 7-8.

He declined any substantive comment on the hijack of a Kuwaiti jet until two U.S. survivors leave Iran, but suggested Iran's security forces should have stormed the plane sooner.

Shultz said such hijackings could be prevented by installing weapon-detection devices at all airports and refusing to accede to hijackers' demands.

"I think the fact is that the practices at the airports in Kuwait and Abu Dhabi were very lax. People could just get on the airplane without even general screening," he said.

But he praised Kuwait's refusal to give in to the hijackers demand for the release of 17 prisoners, who last year bombed the U.S. Embassy and other targets in Kuwait.

Two American passengers, U.S. government employees Charles Hegna, 50, and William Stanford, 52, were killed between the time the plane was seized on December 4 and Iran's announcement Sunday that Iranian soldiers had overcome the hijackers.

Tutu calls media coverage of black deaths inadequate

OSLO (Reuters). — South African human rights campaigner Bishop Desmond Tutu criticized the western media yesterday for giving far more coverage to the death of one Polish priest than those of many blacks in his country.

In his Nobel Peace Prize lecture here, he asked: "Are we being told something that I do not want to believe, that we blacks are expendable and that blood is thicker than water, that when it comes to the crunch, you cannot trust whites, that they will club together against us?"

Speaking in the same university hall where the prize ceremony was disrupted by a bomb scare on Monday, Tutu raised the case of Father Jerzy Popieluszko, the murdered supporter of Poland's banned independent trade union Solidarity.

"When a priest goes missing and is subsequently found dead, the media in the West carry his story in very extensive coverage. I am glad that the death of one person can cause so much concern," Tutu said in his prepared address.

"But in the self-same week when this priest is found dead, the South African police kill 24 blacks who had been taking part in protests and 6,000 blacks are sacked for being similarly involved and you are lucky to get that much cover," he added.

Norway yesterday was expected to follow up the award of the prize to Tutu with a parliamentary vote to ban oil shipments to South Africa.

Parliamentary sources said a resolution tabled by the opposition Labour Party calling on the govern-

ment to declare such shipments illegal and take measures to end trade with South Africa had almost unanimous support.

In Johannesburg, a pro-government South African newspaper yesterday reported its first meeting for decades with the African National Congress (ANC), which began a series of bombings and guerrilla attacks after being outlawed in 1960.

Beeld, a newspaper in the Afrikaans language spoken by most whites, said one of its reporters met ANC leaders in the Zambian capital Lusaka last week and his report was published yesterday.

It was the first major meeting between an Afrikaans paper and the ANC for decades, said Beeld. It follows calls from black leaders, white businessmen and even some ruling National Party supporters for talks between Pretoria and the ANC.

In Cape Town, the South Africa government responded to President Ronald Reagan's claim to be using quiet diplomacy to push for change here by saying the country would not allow others to prescribe for it.

State-run Radio South Africa yesterday quoted Foreign Minister P. W. Botha as saying the South African government would take decisions on reform and security on the basis of what it considered to be the country's interest.

South Africa would not allow itself to be prescribed to, particularly not through demonstrations and radical actions by foreign pressure groups, Botha said.

Whole dinosaur eggs found in Soviet Union

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Soviet scientists have found eggs laid by dinosaurs 105 million years ago in a mountainous part of Central Asia that may be the biggest-known breeding ground of the prehistoric creatures, Tass news agency said yesterday.

"Layers of rock of the cretaceous period of the earth's geological history are literally stuffed with shells of dinosaur eggs, up to a thousand fragments per cubic metre," Lev Nesov, head of the expedition, said.

The find, which includes the first whole dinosaur eggs to be found in the Soviet Union, is in the Fergana Mountains in Soviet Central Asia, north of Afghanistan.

Until now, the biggest quantity of dinosaur remains have been found in the Badkiz region of the Gobi desert in Mongolia, but the Fergana find is thought by Soviet experts to be bigger, Tass said.

Lawyers stage protest rally at Manila court

MANILA (AP). — Top human rights lawyers marched through the capital in an unprecedented protest yesterday, accusing the supreme court of legitimizing dictatorial rule in the Philippines.

In a two-hour rally outside the court building, about 200 lawyers, led by former senator Lorenzo Tanada, 86, the country's foremost civil rights activist, asked the high court to stop supporting President Ferdinand Marcos and to curb military abuses.

The lawyers marched eight kilometres to the court to the beat of drums. About 330 other supporters joined them at the court gates. The marchers, who have been defending political prisoners accused of subversion, included several former senators and four opposition assemblymen.

Lawyers said the protest was to dramatize the court's failure to stop human rights abuses. A manifesto, quoting figures from church groups, said 1,705 Filipinos have died in so-called extra-judicial military killings.

The military denies such killings and says it has punished more than 7,000 soldiers for abuses.

"The supreme court is our last hope," lawyer Mary Concepcion-Bautista told the crowd. "If we cannot go to the court for help in the solution of the violations of human rights, the day may come when people will resort to...force," she said.

Iraq gives jail terms to blackmailers

BAGHDAD (Reuters). — Iraq's Revolutionary Command Council (RCC) yesterday issued a decree allowing courts to impose 15-year jail sentences and confiscate the property of people who use the black market.

The decree gives courts a free hand to impose the sentences on people who refuse to sell goods at prices limited by the government.

It also includes people who "sell, buy or deal in commodities prohibited by the public sector and goods which are allowed for trade by licensed people only."

This clearly covers a variety of goods available on the black market, including cigarettes, alcohol, video sets and some textiles and clothing.

New Chinese battle tank to survive chemical war

PEKING (Reuters). — China is developing a battle tank which can survive in nuclear, chemical and germ war, the semi-official China News Service said yesterday.

It described the amphibious tank as one of a new generation of armoured vehicles which China started designing and developing in the 1970s.

Foreign military attaches in Peking said they were not aware of such a tank.



A member of the staff of the King David Hotel, dressed as King David and riding on a white horse, accompanied 100 runners from 12 countries in an "International Peace Run" around the walls of the Old City of Jerusalem yesterday.

(Rahamim Israeli)

Mitterrand vows to honour defence agreements in Africa

BUJUMBURA, Burundi (Reuters).

President Mitterrand yesterday promised African states with which France has defence agreements that his country would give immediate military aid against aggression.

Speaking at the opening of a two-day summit with African countries, he spelt out how far France would go in protecting the security of its friends on the continent.

Mitterrand's remarks were warmly applauded by the audience from some 40 countries, including 17 heads of state. But Chad President Hissene Habre did not clap.

Uncertainty over the extent to which France is ready to intervene militarily in Africa has overshadowed Mitterrand's African journey.

Mitterrand said France's defence agreements with African states "will be immediately respected."

"No aggression will be tolerated," he declared, but he went on to say that France did not have such bilateral agreements with all African States, Chad being a prime example.

France has defence agreements with Senegal, Ivory Coast, Djibouti, the Central African Republic and Gabon, but only a military training accord with Chad, which does not obligate it to send military support.

Mitterrand said France had nonetheless sent troops to Chad in 1983 because it remained faithful to "a global conception of balance in Africa."

Mitterrand devoted the major part of his speech to the bleak economic situation in Africa.

He appealed to other industrialized countries to follow France's lead and help the developing countries out of their economic malaise.

Zia: I'll go if I lose referendum

LAHORE, Pakistan (Reuters). — President Mohammad Zia ul-Haq said yesterday he would resign if Pakistanis voted against him in a controversial referendum next week.

Zia, speaking to several thousand people, urged Pakistanis to pray for him and vote for Islamic reforms and plans to hold elections by March.

"If there is a no (vote), then I will take my leave and go," Zia said on the fourth day of a 10-day tour to drum up support for the referendum on December 19. A "yes" vote would give him a five-year mandate.

"I will say, you elect your own representative government," he added.

Pakistan's outlawed opposition parties, banned from campaigning against the referendum, have denounced the vote as a fraud to keep Zia in power. They have called on voters to boycott the poll.

The opposition says Zia is exploiting religion to gain his indirect election by asking the overwhelmingly Moslem population whether they support Islamic laws rather than whether they support him.

In Karachi Monday night, anti-government Islamic clergy broke up a meeting of hundreds of religious scholars in a luxury hotel by snatching its pro-referendum resolution from the speaker's hands as he was reading it out.

Dublin court jails five for arms smuggling

DUBLIN (Reuters). — An Irish court yesterday found five men guilty of trying to smuggle seven tons of arms and ammunition by sea from the U.S. to the Irish Republican Army (IRA).

Dublin's special criminal court imposed 10-year sentences on three of the men, who were aboard an Irish trawler when it was seized by the Irish Navy on September 29. Two others each received five years suspended.

The trawler, which was approaching Ireland's southwest

coast, was carrying 90 rifles, six machine-guns, 34 revolvers and 70,000 rounds of ammunition.

The five men all pleaded not guilty to four charges including possession of arms, conspiring to import arms and having explosives with intent to endanger life.

The cache of illegal arms was the largest ever found in or around Ireland. The seizure was hailed by the Irish government as a major blow to the IRA, which is fighting to drive the British out of Northern Ireland.

9 die in 22-vehicle crash on foggy UK road

SEVENOAKS, England (Reuters). — Nine people were killed yesterday in a multiple crash in thick fog on a motorway in southern England, police said.

Twenty-two vehicles, including nine lorries, were involved in the pile-up on the motorway between Godstone, Surrey, and Sevenoaks, Kent.

About 20 people were hospitalized, 10 believed to be seriously injured.

In London, two underground trains collided yesterday, killing the driver and injuring six passengers, transport officials said. The crash occurred near Kilburn Station in North London.

Soviet subs can cut Arctic ice, magazine says

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — Soviet nuclear submarines have developed a way to escape detection by hiding beneath the Arctic icepack and cutting a hole through which to fire their ballistic missiles, Aviation Week magazine said yesterday.

It said the Kremlin had developed an ice-breaker that fitted onto a submarine to help it cut through ice. It added that the U.S. had little or no ability to detect and counter submarines hidden beneath polar ice.

"New data indicate that basing Soviet missile-firing submarines

under the polar ice cap has become a part of the Soviet single integrated operational plan that makes up Soviet nuclear attack strategy," the magazine said.

The U.S. weather satellite Landsat took a photograph last March believed to show a Soviet submarine punching a hole through the Arctic ice while Soviet aircraft watched the test, the magazine said. The sighting was made in frozen water near Wrangel Island off the northeast Siberian coast.

China wages 'quiet war' on money abuses

PEKING (Reuters). — China is stepping up its war against economic abuses while trying not to scare off a rising class of enterprising business people, Chinese officials said yesterday.

Top wrong-doers will be the target in a stepped-up campaign next year, according to a leading Chinese journalist.

Yesterday's papers revealed the latest in a stream of court cases involving officials, blackmarketeers, speculators, connen, smugglers and other rogues flourishing in the country's new materialistic climate.

The Canton Evening News in South China said a company boss

and two other people had gone on trial in the showplace Shenzhen economic zone bordering Hongkong for graft involving about \$28,000.

Street corner touts who do illegal foreign currency deals have spread to northern cities in the past few months and seem to show no fear of the police.

The journalist said the drive would get minimum publicity to avoid a climate of fear which could discourage the honest, pioneering businesses which Peking wants to promote.

China's leaders are trying to nurture a spirit of enterprise stifled by more than 20 years of egalitarianism.

Sports

Windies win

ADELAIDE (Reuters). — The West Indies, unstoppable kings of cricket, trounced Australia by 191 runs in the third test to rewrite the history books once again by winning a first ever Test series on Australian soil yesterday.

Captain Clive Lloyd's world champion side wrapped up the series 3-0 shortly before tea on the final day when the home side were all out for 173 runs on a wearing wicket in their second innings, well short of the target of 364 runs. West Indies declared at their overnight score of 292 for 7.

It was the tourists' 11th successive test victory, the sixth in a row over a devastated Australian side. Only South-African born left-hander Kepler Wessels (70) took the fight to the tourists.

Malcolm Marshall finished with five for 38, after taking five wickets in the first innings.

Off-spinner Roger Harper took four wickets for 43.

Geoff Lawson, who had a hand in 11 wickets, scored 49 in Australia's first innings with support from the Maritz.

West Indies 356 and 292/7, Australia 284 and 173.

In Karachi, New Zealand made a bold reply to Pakistan's first innings total of 328 on the second day of the third cricket test here yesterday, reaching 99 for 1, of which opener John Wright has hit a fluent 61 not out.

Shlomo's home

By JACK LEON

TEL AVIV. — Israeli tennis star Shlomo Glickstein has unexpectedly cut short his tour of Australia and returned home, suffering from what he defines as "a decline in fitness and motivation."

Glickstein — 27 next month — was scheduled to compete with his Davis Cup team-mate Shmuel Peris in this week's New South Wales Open in Sydney and in two subsequent tournaments Down Under. Now, he has called it a day for 1984, which he described as "not a good year for me."

Glickstein plans to take a break until January, when he will resume competition on the Grand Prix circuit.

Following a long, lean spell, he has now slumped to 76 place on the ATP's world singles rankings, by far his worst placing at year's end since 1980, and representing a drop of 33 notches in the standings since January. The Israeli champion's highest annual ranking was 33 in 1981.

In contrast to Glickstein, Peris, completing an outstanding year, which has seen the 22-year-old Haifaite climb more than 200 notches up the ladder to reach his present 81st place on the ATP computer. He is competing in the Sydney and other tournaments in Australia.

Holon triumph

By DON GOULD

Sports Basketball Reporter

HAIFA. — Hapoel Holon got 15 points and 21 rebounds from Clarence Kee, which more than offset the usually strong back-board work of Maccabi Haifa's two big men to gain an important victory in Haifa 106-97 in the National League on Monday night. Holon built up a huge lead in the second half, only to see most of it frittered away, as Maccabi Haifa amassed 19 points in two minutes, when Arie Rosenberg and Doron Shefa heaved in 7 of 8 shots from beyond the 3-point marker. Holon's Ofer Yaacobi led all scorers with 33 points.

Not to be out-done, Maccabi Tel Aviv's Mickey Berkowitz scored 26 points, 21 of them via the 3-point route, as the champions smothered Hapoel Haifa at Yad Elzhrin 123-99. As if Berkowitz wasn't enough to contend with, Kevin Magee also scored 26 points, and swept the boards clean of 25 rebounds. Maccabi now wait for Real Madrid on Thursday, while Hapoel Haifa entertain Santa Cruz of Spain in Korac Cup play.

Ariel Porat cannot 18 points to lead Afula to an 80-64 home court victory over a hapless Hapoel Ramat Gan.

Kiryat Gat took a 3 point lead into the locker-room at the half, but couldn't hold on as Galil Elyon behind Roni Lesh's 29 points and Bill Miller's 26 points came on in the second half to win 110-88.

At Kfar Maccabiah, Maccabi Ramat Gan, led by Doron Ganchevich with 35 points and Gofe Cornelson and Carl Ames with 18 each, were too strong for Gan Shimon, who succumbed 98-80.

Juniors' fine start

Israeli juniors got off to a good start in the Sunshine Cup matches in Plantation, Florida. Gilad Bloom beat Joao Silva of Portugal 7-6 (7-1), 6-3; and Amit Naor defeated Pedro Silva, also from Portugal, 5-7, 7-6 (7-3), 6-0. They then won their doubles match against the Portuguese couple 7-6 (7-4), 6-7 (2-7), 6-4.

SCOREBOARD

NFL. — The Los Angeles Raiders rode a Bronco defense and the passing of quarterback Marc Wilson and Jim Finks to a 24-3 victory over the Detroit Lions on Monday.

NBA. — Atlanta 104, Indiana 98 (Domonique Wilkins 27).

RUGBY. — Cambridge equalized their own record for consecutive wins when they beat Oxford 32-16 in their 103rd rugby match at Twickenham yesterday.

SKING. — Marc Girardelli of Luxembourg, seven times a runner-up but never a grand slalom winner, ended his World Cup jinx with victory yesterday.

BOCCY. — The Netherlands beat Pakistan to a 2-2 draw in the World Hockey Tournament in Karachi.

CS RUCKY. — New York Rangers 4, Los Angeles Kings 2, Detroit Red Wings 4, Minnesota North Stars 3.

TENNIS. — Australian teenager Mark Kratzmann, who has already been dubbed "The new Rod Laver," maintained his winning streak with a first round victory in the New South Wales Open tennis championship at Sydney's White City yesterday. The left-handed 18-year-old, who last week ended the Australian Open junior title in the U.S. and Wimbledon junior event he was earlier this year, overhauled Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland 6-3 6-4.

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GARDENER'S CORNER / Walter Frankl



Sansevieria...mother-in-law's tongue.

LIFE is becoming more expensive from day to day, and house plants are no exception. But let's consider certain plants that are a good investment because they are cheap evergreens which thrive indoors and out, in shade or light, and even in a dark stair-well. Two of them, botanical relatives, are available at local nurseries: sansevieria and aspidistra.

Sansevieria trifasciata is also known as mother-in-law's tongue or bowstring hemp. In Hebrew it goes by its Latin name, Sansevieria. Emile Laurent, a Belgian botanist, brought this ornamental plant to Europe from the Congo in 1904. Its sword-shaped succulent leaves have creamy yellow margins and greyish-green cross-bands. I know of several homes in Jerusalem where this pot-grown ornamental has reached a height of about 80 cm. Sansevieria is grown commercially in India for its fine but strong white fibres, which are woven into mats, twine and hats. Incidentally botanist Laurent named it after Raimond de Sangro, Prince of Sansevierio, who lived in Naples from 1710-1771.

A perfect house plant for busy people with next to no time for gardening, this tropical plant, you may be surprised to learn, belongs to the lily (Liliaceae) family. But don't expect conventional lily-like flowers even if your plant reaches the flowering stage. Very seldom does Sansevieria produce its long flowering spikes in summer. This happens only in optimal growing condition (warmth, humidity, good light and sporadic feeding). Sansevieria tolerates dry air, central heating, drought, sun or shade. During winter the

sansevieria should be kept indoors. It suffers from too much water and temperatures below 10°C.

In lower temperatures, the lance-shaped leaves will quickly rot at ground level and the plant will wilt and die. In winter, do not water more than once a month. Even in summer only moderate watering is needed.

Repotting is rarely required, but when it is necessary, do it in spring, when all danger of frost passed. Use a good soil mix containing equal parts of well-rotted compost, peat and sand or vermiculite. Propagate by division when repotting, since propagation by cuttings succeeds only in heated nursery frames with glass or plastic covers or in a heated greenhouse.

Aspidistra elatior (Parlor palm, cast iron plant, magent in Hebrew).

The botanical name of this plant derives from the Greek words *aspis* (shield) and *astron* (star), referring to the small star-like flowers, shaped like a protecting shield. Sometimes, under optimal conditions, you may be lucky enough to bring your aspidistra to the blooming stage. Flowers appear in winter, first in knots like little mushrooms. Only later do they open their dark purple petals.

Uprooted from the Himalayas and brought to Europe by plant collectors in 1822, this undemanding evergreen made itself thoroughly at home in England's parlours and dur-

ing the reign of Queen Victoria became the most fashionable and popular house plant, not only in England but in many European capitals. The main reason for its popularity is the fact that nearly no

time or effort is needed to keep it alive and its dark-green leaves shining.

The aspidistra is without doubt a most amenable house plant, able to withstand long periods without wa-

ter, very little light; an overheated room, dry air and considerable cold. When other indoor plants wilt and die for lack of light, the aspidistra thrives unchanged. It can also succeed in the open garden under shady trees or shrubs, unmolested by either cold or hot temperatures.

I bought an aspidistra plant six years ago and last year divided it into two. I keep them potted in a peat-sand mixture. All these years, my aspidistra stood up to the severe Jerusalem winter with its frosts, hail, snow and storms, as well as summer temperatures of well over 30°C. Having learned that aspidistras can reach a ripe age of about 60 years, I am quite sure that my plants will outlive their owner.

Removing dust with a soft cloth at least once a week is obligatory. Water moderately in summer and less often from October until March. The aspidistra needs perfect drainage and will not tolerate its roots standing in water. Nor does it enjoy direct sun.

Like sansevieria, aspidistra also belongs to the lily family, one of the greatest families of plants. It's difficult to believe that it is closely related to plants like garlic, tulip, hyacinth, yucca, spiderplant (chlorophytum), aloe, asparagus and many others.

Don't be too eager to transplant aspidistras into bigger pots, but if you do repot, use a peat-compost

combination. Propagate by division in late spring.

The outside leaves can be gently pulled off with a piece of rhizome and a few roots. This is best done in spring. Every single leaf is a potential new aspidistra plant. If you want aspidistras for indoor decoration, plant 2 or 3 leaves in a large flowerpot.

A few more remarks about these two simple plants, both as old as Methuselah: since the old toughies require a minimum of care, they are ideally suited for the novice. It is much better for a gardening beginner to start at the bottom of the ladder with simple plants, and sansevieria and aspidistra are ideal. Insects do not bother either plant, but both should be sponged off sporadically to keep them dust-free and allow them to breathe properly. And finally, the leaves of both plants can be used in flower arrangements as decorative backgrounds. They are sturdy and remain lush for a long time.

Hints for November. If you are a rose-grower, prepare holes for new rose bushes. They should be about 70 cm. deep and wide and half filled with a mixture of soil and cow manure. December is the best month for planting roses.

Cuttings: instead of inserting your cuttings straight into sand or some other light growing medium, collect the stems from woody plants in late fall when they have dropped their leaves. Just cut them into pieces 12 to 15 cm. long, bundle them with their tops all facing in the same direction and bury them until spring. During the winter, in the moist

dark of the soil, the ends of the cuttings will form calluses from which the new roots will grow. You can even encourage them further by burying the cuttings upside down. Make sure the soil in which you put the cuttings is very sandy, perhaps mixed with a little sawdust to help moisture retention. Open the "grave" in the spring and plant the cuttings one by one with the tops uppermost in the air. They will quickly take root. For this purpose use a richer soil.

Green Pages. The fourth edition of Green Pages, a yearly gardeners' directory, appeared recently. It contains not only a list of all nurseries, landscapers and gardening consultants in the country, but also lists all kinds of nurseries, garden tools and fertilizer suppliers. If you want to buy roses, ready-made lawns or specific plants, bulbs, shrubs or trees, the directory will provide you names, addresses and phone numbers.

Nicely illustrated, Green Pages also contains articles about house plants including detailed descriptions and botanical names for every plant.

The most recent edition carries an article about climbers for balconies and for the garden, and six pages on roses and rose care, as well as articles about papayas in Israel, orchid cultivation, and garden pests and plant diseases. There is also a list of animals and other ornamentals, one of garden tools and where to buy them, and one of gardening books. The directory is a great help for amateur gardeners, but unfortunately it's only available in Hebrew.

Popular success

MUSIC / Yohanan Boehm

"POPULAR CLASSICS" - Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, Ole Schmidt conducting; with Natasha Tadson, piano (Binyamin Ha'amim, Jerusalem, November 8). All-Tchaikovsky programme: "Swan Lake" Suite; Piano Concerto No. 1; "Nutcracker" Suite; Overture "1812."

THE CAPACITY audience was the best proof that there is indeed a market for programmes such as this: popular music at popular prices, to cater to unsophisticated music lovers (who are in the majority) and to induce new listeners to come to the concert hall for live performances.

That this was a mostly new audience was easily discernable: the unconcerned search for seats during the performance, the coughing chorus after mighty chords during the course of the works. But these are minor points, balanced by the fact that so many new faces, young and old, were to be seen in the audience.

The programme indeed offered the greenest of the evergreens. It seems that to include two suites from the so well-known afternoon-tea-ballets is too much of a good thing - why not "Romeo and Juliet" or "Capriccio Italian"?

Natasha Tadson, the soloist in the piano concerto, played with breathtaking speed, though without sufficient strength to do full justice to the

demands of the piano part. Her physique is simply inadequate to cope with the requirements of hammering out the octave runs and make all the fireworks fire. Her pianistics are most impressive, but technique is not all that is required in this concert.

Ole Schmidt, the Danish guest conductor, towered - even when sitting down on the rostrum - over the orchestra, but only in the literal sense: his directions did not go beyond the minimal indications necessary for the orchestra to keep things going.

As every note in this programme is public property, a much more exacting and pronounced interpretation would have been necessary in order to exact maximum profit from the scores; as it was, no driving spirit could be felt, transitions were slurred, flourishes in orchestral sonorities were not exploited, with the result that no more than a routine performance was achieved.

As the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra gave the impression of full cooperation and alertness, the blame must rest with the conductor.

To induce a new audience into the beautiful realm of music is most commendable, but it needs the best of performers to persuade them to become even more involved.

Conversation piece

RANDOMALIA/Miriam Arad

JUDY is a Tel Avivian, and it follows that when she comes to Jerusalem she wants to go to the Old City, like they all do. This being a weekday, the place is rather deserted. Shopkeepers sit in front of their stores smoking, drowsing, or playing backgammon with the fellow next door, and barely look up even when somebody pauses to examine their wares. Maybe that's what brings us to stop for a moment when one of them, a thin man in his middle forties, does glance at us.

We: Quiet here today, h'm?

He: Uh-huh.

We: No business at all?

He: Uh-huh.

We: Ah well, there's always Shabbat when people come in droves.

He (dripping irony): Sure, and great spenders they are. They buy a beigel, cut it into four, eat a piece each, share a bottle of coke and that's it: they've had A Day Out.

As that seems an accurate picture of the average Israeli family on its Sabbath outing in these post-shopping-spree days, we find nothing to say, and move on. About an hour later we pass by him again on our way back, and being old acquaintances now, we pause to say hello.

He: See what I mean? You made a full turn of the Old City and what did you buy? Nothing.

Laughing, we take up the challenge. That's to say Judy, who is looking for a small present to give a friend, searches through his trinkets, "hand-made" embroideries and "pure amber" earrings, and eventually acquires about five dollars' worth of knickknack.

We: All right, you can stop grumbling: we bought something.

He: Uh-huh. Now I can buy me a house.

By this time we are not mere acquaintances, we are old friends, so he invites us to have coffee with him. We settle down in his store, and over very sweet Turkish coffee have the kind of typical Israeli conversation that consists of questions about one another's age, occupation, marital status and number of children, interspersed with appropriate comment. An informative sample:

He: I just got myself a new wife.

We: How old?

He: Twenty-five.

We: Was she very expensive?

He: At 25? Dirt cheap. A 17-year-old girl now, that might have cost a pretty penny, but one of 25 - her pa is far too happy he's found a man who still wants her.

He speaks a rapid, idiomatic Hebrew, with an occasional Yiddish word thrown in. Over the half hour or so we spend with him he has grown positively expansive, though never dropping his ironic manner. I've a hunch it's not merely put on for our benefit but is a habit with him - one of the many defences, perhaps, one adopts against life and one's fellow men.

We take leave amiably and, I daresay, without any illusions on either side that we've done something for peace, brotherhood, or Arab-Jewish understanding. He's too cynical a person for that, and I'm afraid that I, too, believe the region's conflicts will be settled, if at all, by politicians and not by us little citizens. Actually, peace and brotherhood haven't been on our minds for a moment: we just talked and laughed together for a bit, that's all.

What really gets me, though, is people who object to Arab-baiting on the grounds that, "after all, Arabs are human beings too."

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The magazine said more than 20 per cent of the respondents gave the top marks to Swissair for its all-round performance.

Singapore Airlines, which came second, and Cathay Pacific, of Hong-

kong, which placed fourth, were cited for exceptional courtesy and attentiveness of cabin staff.

British Airways was ranked third best airline and Scandinavian SAS fifth, followed by British Caledonian, Germany's Lufthansa and the Dutch KLM. The 10th spot was shared by Air New Zealand, TWA (U.S.) and Thai International.

The executives said their choices depended on the quality of cabin staff (70 per cent of respondents), comfort (60 per cent), followed by punctuality and quality of in-flight meals.

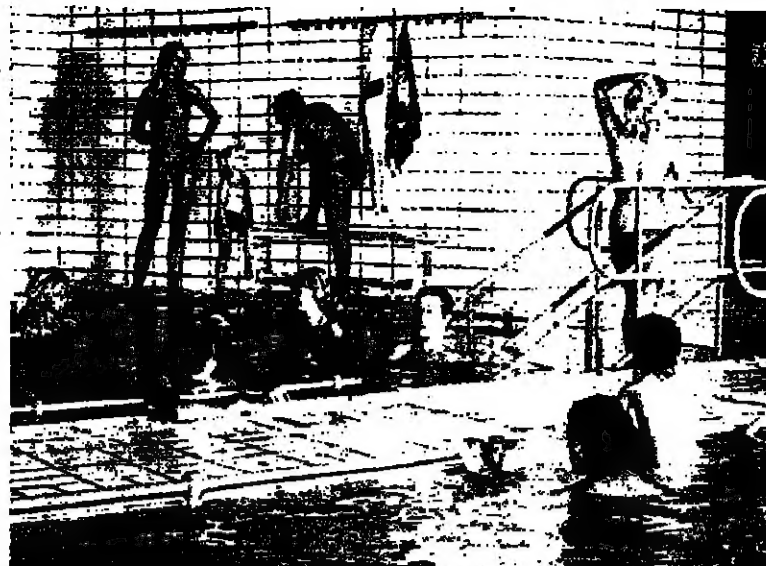
Schiphol Airport was followed by

Singapore, Zurich, Frankfurt, London's Heathrow, Atlanta, Gatwick (near London), Tampa (Florida), Geneva and Charles de Gaulle, near Paris.

Avis is followed by Hertz, Budget and Europcar.

Far Eastern hotels won the five top slots as the best in the world. The supreme hotel is The Mandarin in Hongkong, followed by the Shangri-La in Singapore.

The survey shows that the best business hotel is the Intercontinental, followed by Hyatt, Hilton International, Sheraton and the Mandarin.



Families use the sulphur pool during the mixed bathing period.

\$4.25m. spent on new baths at Ein Gedi

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Some 300,000 visitors a year are expected at the new Ein Gedi baths, which were officially inaugurated yesterday by Tourism Minister Avraham Shari.

The new installation was built at a cost of \$4.25 million shared between the ministry and Kibbutz Ein Gedi, which runs it. The facilities include 120 square metres of pools, a beach and restaurants.

Speaking at the gathering, Shari said that while the politicians in Jerusalem were talking, people at

the Dead Sea were doing something to improve the country's economic condition.

In addition to visitors from the outside, the bathing facility serves guests at the Kibbutz Guest House, which also offers guided tours of the kibbutz and the nearby nature reserve. In the evenings there is folk singing and dancing, as well as video, television, mini-golf and tennis.

The baths themselves are a favourite of the ultra-Orthodox, for whom separate bathing facilities have been provided for men and women.

Argentine ship harrassed over meat-carrying contract

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. - The Marine Officers Union allowed the Argentine refrigeration ship Galassier Viedma to sail from Haifa port at two o'clock yesterday afternoon, in order to avoid court action.

But the union stopped the ship again a few hours later, as it was about to enter Ashdod harbour to continue unloading its cargo of several thousand tons of Argentine frozen meat.

The union is harassing the ship to pressure the government into shipping all its imports in Israeli vessels. Although there is no refrigeration ship in the Israeli merchant marine, union secretary Erez Ivry said last night that "as soon as the government will give an Israeli company the contract, it can buy as many ships as it will need to carry the meat."

The union is dissatisfied with the recent government decision to award half the contract for 27,500 tons of meat from the Argentine to the Mano company in Haifa, because the deal may not be enough to allow the company to buy a vessel. Mano is still considering the question.

The Foreign Ministry, acting on the request of the Argentinian embassy in Tel Aviv, on Monday appealed to the Labour Court here for an order forcing the union to allow the ship to leave Haifa port. But before a hearing started, the union decided to release the ship, and the court action was cancelled. As soon as the ship reached Ashdod, however, the union enacted its ban again and on its instructions the port pilots refused to guide the ship into port.

Another court action is expected to be initiated today.

Yamani warns UK, Norway against oil price war starting

RIYADH (Reuters). - Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmed Yamani warned Britain and Norway yesterday they would risk starting a price war if they shaved prices quoted for their North Sea crude oil.

In other comments on the turmoil in oil markets, Yamani and visiting Mexican Oil Minister Francisco Labastida said they were co-operating to defend the present reference price of \$29 a barrel for Saudi Arabian light crude.

Mexico, like Britain and Norway, is not a member of the 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec), which sets the reference price and is holding a ministerial session in Geneva on December 19.

Oil sources in Riyadh said Yamani was vexed by news that Britain and Norway were contemplating a new formula for pricing their oil, which competes with Opec production.

Speedy recovery here is doubted in UK

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON. - A major British bank has expressed pessimism about the chances of an economic recovery for Israel in the near future.

An economic report on Israel published by the National Westminster Bank states that "the problems besetting the Israeli economy are unlikely to be resolved in the short term. It is widely agreed," the report adds, "that the introduction of an effective austerity programme - inevitably arresting and temporarily reducing the steadily rising standard of living - is essential to avert a serious financial crisis. However, given the size of the budget and current account deficits, reflecting the continuing burden of the country's military expenditure, it will take some time before such measures produce results."

The report continued: "The country will remain highly dependent on grants from the U.S.... and on private capital flows also largely from America. To encourage greater economic self-sufficiency and discipline, the U.S. government will probably insist on the introduction of fundamental economic reforms before agreeing to any substantial increase in non-military aid."

Siemens gets order for Saudi project

MUNICH (Reuters). - The West German electrical firm Siemens said yesterday that it and its 75 per cent-owned subsidiary Transformatoren Union had won an order worth around DM150 million (\$30m.) for a high-voltage switch plant for the Saudi Arabian city of Mecca.

Dollar, gold mixed

LONDON (AP). - The dollar was mixed in thin, lacklustre European trading yesterday, selling in a narrow range amid softening commercial demand.

Gold prices were also mixed, but remained at their lowest closing levels since July 8, 1982.

Foreign exchange dealers said the dollar declined in afternoon trading because of falling demand by commercial interests which need dollars for foreign exchange.

"I think the dollar is settling back into end-of-the-year doldrums," commented one Frankfurt trader for a West German bank.

In London, the dollar rose against sterling. It cost \$1.2025 to buy one British pound, cheaper than \$1.2038 late Monday.

Computer-controlled sails may save fuel on big ships

TOKYO (Reuters). - A new breed of merchant ship has begun deep-sea voyages to test whether computer-controlled sails can play a role in modern seafaring.

Largest of the breed so far is the 26,000-ton bulk carrier Usaki Pioneer, which has just completed its maiden voyage from Tokyo to Seattle.

On the drawing board are plans for vessels of up to 80,000 tons, built to use sails that will ease the load on the engines and save substantially on fuel.

The two sails carried fore and midship by the Usaki Pioneer bear little resemblance to the clouds of canvas that billowed from oldtime vessels.

Formed in a rigid curve of aluminium and fabric, they look more like a section of aircraft wing and in some ways perform the same function.

Every five minutes or so the sails switch to the command of a computer, which continuously measures wind speed and direction. When the wind is strong and favourable, the

computer imparts orders to the engine room - cut back power. This is the system which the makers say can cut back on fuel by up to 50 per cent.

The sail-assisted ship in this form was the brainchild of engineer Noboru Hamada, now president of the Japan Marine Machinery Development Association (Jamda). He conceived the idea nine years ago when the world was still reeling from the first oil crisis.

"The idea was laughed at in business circles at the time," Hamada told Reuters, but he persisted and in 1980 the first ship of the type went down the slipway.

Its design differed from similar concepts in other countries, because it was specifically built for the role, rather than having sails added to a conventional structure. Also, the function of the sails was to assist the engine, rather than the other way round.

Since then seven other vessels of similar size and type have been built in Japan, all either tankers or bulk carriers plying home waters.

Experience has shown that sails could be used for about 70 per cent of the ship's time at sea. When not required, the sails are automatically folded on their mast.

The aerofoil shape of the sails provides the same kind of lift as an aircraft wing, using the differing air-stream pressures on either side.

Hamada believes that in this field, Japan is five years ahead of competitors in West Germany, Belgium and the Soviet Union.

TOURISM BRIEFS

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

AN INTERNATIONAL health spa and hotel or holiday village are slated to be built within three years at Hamat Gader, the hot sulphur springs near Lake Kinneret. The Golan settlements, which operate the site, are also reconstructing the Roman baths and hope to operate them in the evening during the summer months. Thus far, the Israel Defence Forces have not allowed night visits to the area.

YIGAL YARDENI, director of Kopel Congresses, has been elected vice-president of ICCA, the international organization for organizers of congresses and conferences. This took place at the organization's recent meeting in Munich, in which 350 delegates from 65 countries participated.

LUFTHANSA has published a calendar of trade fairs and exhibitions for 1985 for the entire world. The fairs are listed by country (with 21 events shown for Israel). An index provides cross-references according to theme. The German national airline has also been expanding its activities and has acquired interests in both the Kempinski hotel group and in Avis car rentals, Germany.

THE KING SOLOMON HOTEL in Eilat has announced that it is

investing a quarter of a million dollars in sales promotions abroad, using an entertainment group and film for gatherings with travel agents. The aggressive new sales policy, devised by Danny Rubinstein, has resulted in bringing additional charter flights to Eilat, according to the hotel.

THE LOT HOTEL at the Dead Sea has appointed Yitzhak Peretz as general manager. Peretz, 43, was born in Morocco and was formerly manager of the Caesar and Moriah hotels in Eilat.

THE GALEI KINNERET Hotel in Tiberias has organized a series of weekends for special interest groups. Recently the hotel hosted groups for amateur artists and photographers, with a stay for music lovers to be held shortly.

SAGY HAHAM, a teenager from Israel, recently received top billing in the International Youth Hostel Federation newsletter. As the 20,000th visitor to the Glasgow Youth Hostel, he was presented with a clock and a silver salver.

WITH TRAVEL TAX and economic worries eating into the outgoing tourism market, European destinations are doing their best to publicize cheap winter packages. Swissair has come up with a holiday in Switzerland for \$156 a week, while the German National Tourist Office is offering holidays from \$5.95 a day.

East Germany now considered prime credit risk in the West

BONN (AP). - Communist East Germany's credit rating has improved to such an extent that western bankers now regard it as the second-best loan risk in the Soviet Bloc after Moscow, according to West German government officials.

The development is part of a general trend towards more East German self-sufficiency, both political and economic, that has increased the country's standing in the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact, the Bonn officials say.

But they warn against expecting too much assertiveness from a more self-confident East Germany. Chancellor Helmut Kohl said earlier this year that East Germany "has room for maneuver within a fenced-off area" - meaning that Moscow retains ultimate authority.

"The financial market considers East Germany today as the second-best debtor country of the East Bloc, after the Soviet Union, and about on a par with Hungary," one high-ranking government official said this week.

"But even a more credit-worthy East Germany can't leave the Warsaw Pact," he observed.

East Germany nearly doubled its assets in European banks outside of West Germany between mid-1983 and mid-1984, while decreasing its net indebtedness, according to financial statistics.

These East German assets jumped from \$2.4 billion in June 1983 to \$4.2b. in June 1984, according to the Bank for International Settlements

in Basel, which keeps track of world debt and world economic development.

A 1981 decision to start slashing imports and step up exports appears to be the main explanation for the increase in East German assets, said an official at the Intra-German Relations Ministry, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

East Germany's net indebtedness to the same banks dropped from \$3.5b. to \$4.2b. in the same period.

The assets would be sufficient to pay off East Germany's net debt of \$3.6b. to West German banks, or the estimated \$3b. it owes to the Soviet Union, Bonn officials noted.

"There's an argument that says they could pay off their debts to the Soviets and then tell them to get lost," said one Bonn official, who also asked not to be named.

East Germany's overall indebtedness to the West has dropped from about \$10b. in 1980 to \$8.2b. now, according to International Monetary Fund statistics.

In the Soviet Bloc, only Moscow and Warsaw owe more to western banks.

Over the past 18 months, the Bonn government has agreed to guarantee two loans to East Germany by consortiums of European banks totalling about \$650 million.

Bonn officials said this week that East Germany has obtained additional loans this year totalling an estimated \$562m. from banks in several other western countries, including the United States.

Arab world's agricultural output fell in 1983

BAHRAIN (Reuters). - Agricultural production in the Arab world fell to 23.9 million tons in 1983 from 24.4 million the previous year, an Arab economic report said yesterday.

The report, prepared by the Arab Economic and Social Development Fund and carried by the Bahrain-based Gulf News Agency, said food

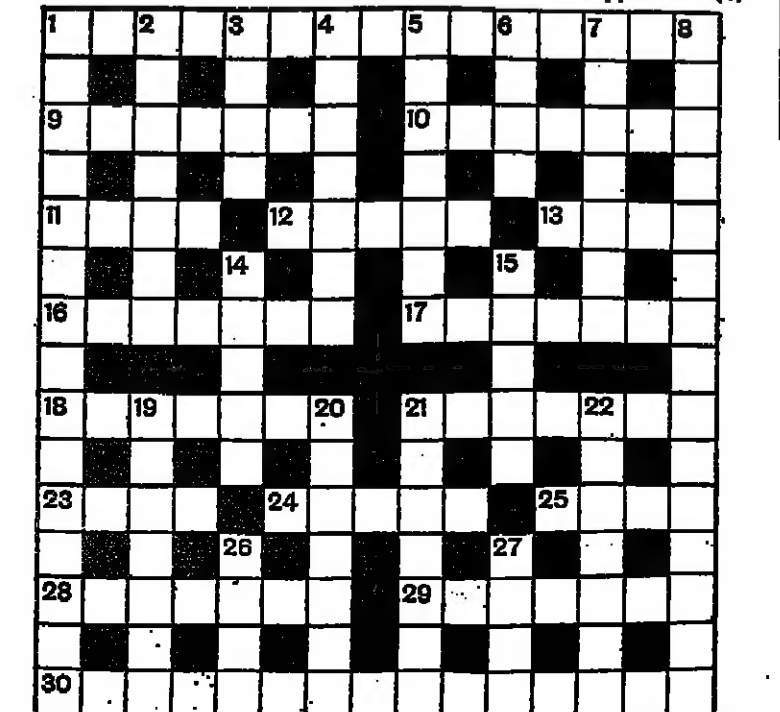
imports cost \$24 billion last year, while exports were at \$3.8 billion.

MATCHMAKER. - Tel Aviv matchmaker David Gal was sentenced yesterday to nine months in jail, a nine-month suspended sentence and a \$100,000 fine for tax evasion.



ONE-AND-ONE CROSSWORD

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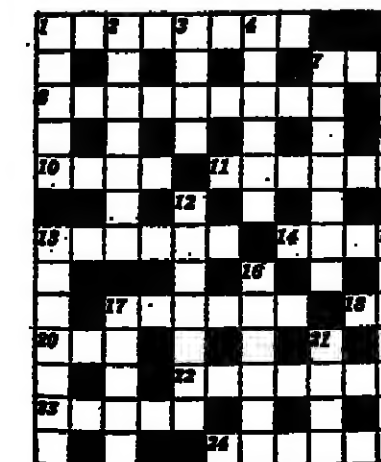
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Shultz's salutary rebuff

THE SIGNALS from Washington seemed to be somewhat confusing this week. On the one hand the finance minister, Yitzhak Moda'i, was being informed by the foreign minister, Yitzhak Shamir, that his personal appeal to the secretary of state, George Shultz, for increased aid at this time of trouble for Israel's economy had not met with what was termed a "positive response."

On the other hand it was reported that Mr. Shultz had indicated to Mr. Shamir his willingness to approve an increase in Israel's slice of the U.S. foreign aid bill, already the single largest, from \$2.6 billion to \$3.1 billion. The disappointment evidently stemmed from Mr. Shultz's refusal to approve the full \$4 billion requested by Israel.

In years past, too, Washington would routinely endorse only a portion of the Israeli aid request. But the U.S. decision this time was apparently meant to convey the clear notion that this country was not doing enough to pull itself up by its own bootstraps from the economic morass to warrant pouring even more of the American taxpayer's money into the Treasury's "bottomless pit."

In rebuttal, Mr. Shamir was able to cite evidence of some recent Israeli economic successes. Inflation was on the way down, and exports were rising. But if inflation is indeed declining, it is because prices are being artificially held down by a price freeze. And that, in Mr. Shultz's view, is not a substitute for free trade. Moreover, there is no proof whatever that the recorded rise in exports is directly related to the present government's policies.

So it was hardly surprising that Mr. Shultz, an economics professor who is taking a personal interest in the progress of Israel's economy, should have been — as related in this newspaper yesterday — "reluctant to offer any major aid increase commitments without additional evidence that the recently enacted austerity and belt-tightening measures in Israel are working."

This is understandably frustrating to the Treasury, which keeps banking on the U.S. to bail Israel out if domestic measures of recovery turn out to be insufficient. But Mr. Shultz is entirely right to insist on Israel's primary responsibility for its own welfare. Sooner or later the outstretched Israeli hand is bound to receive an American rap on the knuckles instead of the awaited "positive response."

Stacked cards

THE BEST THING Israel could do to counter the General Assembly's shameful bracketing of Zionism with racism, the UN ambassador from Singapore proposed at a symposium on the notorious 1975 resolution held in the State Department this week, would be to treat the country's Arab minority equally.

However well-intentioned, the suggestion itself reveals the insidious effect of that Arab and Soviet inspired falsehood on even a friendly foreign diplomat.

Israel's Arab minority admittedly has some way to go before it reaches the state of full equality pledged in the Declaration of Independence. It is, in fact, unlikely to reach it before there is complete peace between Israel and its Arab neighbors. True, some Jews in Israel would deny the country's Arab citizens full equality even in conditions of peace. The battle against racism is therefore, unhappily, the order of the day in Israel.

But it was not Israel's failure to live up to its original promise of social and political equality of rights to the Arab population that prompted a group of UN member states, whose very essence breathes discrimination and inequality, to pin, through the General Assembly, the charge of racism on the Jewish people's national liberation movement. What these states were concerned with was the authenticity of Jewish peoplehood, and the legitimacy of Israeli statehood, which had been fully confirmed in a General Assembly resolution of 1947.

It was Syria's president, Hafez Assad, who gave the game away in a speech delivered in Damascus less than a year after the adoption of the "Zionism-equals-racism" formula.

"Why is Zionism a racist movement?" he asked, and hastened to supply his own answer, which turned out to be a rehash of the familiar argument used for years by Israel's enemies: "Because it gathers people from everywhere, with religion the only link among them, to make a people out of them and to establish a state for these people."

Certainly, Israel should strive to assure its Arab citizens of the fullest measure of equality compatible with the imperative of security. But no amount of success by Israel in such an effort will cause those whose true wish is to deny the Jewish state its equality of rights in the comity of nations, to cease and desist.

SHAS QUITTS

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wanted me to do all along," he said, banging his fist on the table.

Negotiations over the changes in the Interior Ministry, which was to be given to Shas, were almost completed yesterday morning. The only remaining disagreement was over budgets to religious councils in the local authorities.

Shahal and Corfu, representing the Alignment and Likud in the negotiations with Shas and the NRP, wanted, at the NRP's demand, to make the religious councils a separate body, independent of the local councils and Interior Ministry. Shas, having given up all its previous demands to leave some religious issues under the Interior Ministry's jurisdiction, refused.

Finally, Shas said they would agree to the last issue on condition that a deputy minister of its own be appointed — as promised by the Likud — in the Housing Ministry. Thus, they hoped they would have some influence on the building of synagogues and mikves.

But Vice-Premier Yitzhak Shamir, who would have to approve this appointment, is in Panama, and Likud ministers did not want to telephone him and wake him at 5 a.m. Alignment ministers retorted that their ministers start working at 5 a.m. and why shouldn't Shamir?

"Then you call him," Corfu told Shahal humorously. "When he answers, say it's a wrong number and hang up. Once he's awake, I'll call him and talk to him."

Corfu said afterwards that Deputy Foreign Minister Ronnie Milo spoke to Shamir, who promised to deal with the issue on his return. But Shas members, who waited for an answer from morning to evening, were not told of this. At 5:45 Peretz sent his letter of resignation by messenger to

Peretz's office, after Shas's guiding Council of Torah Sages met and instructed him to resign.

Peretz yesterday reviewed the series of humiliations he had undergone during the past three months — ever since he had been promised the Religious Affairs Ministry by the Likud.

During the past three months, Shas first agreed to accept the Interior Ministry, though it had wanted the religious portfolio, having entered politics in the first place in order to promote religious issues. Then Shas agreed to religious issues, one by one, being cut from the responsibility of the Interior Ministry and added to the Religious Affairs Ministry, which the NRP was to get.

"We did not run for government to obtain power, nor to get positions of power for our people. We are a religious list and want to deal with religious matters. With much pain we closed a page of Gemara in order to enter politics," Peretz said emotionally.

When Peretz had previously wanted to resign, he said, Peretz and Shamir both begged him to reconsider. Peretz said yesterday he had not wanted to embarrass Peretz in front of the cabinet and agreed to take back his previous resignations. "But I will not go through that shameful, humiliating scene again."

Likud ministers seemed unperturbed by Shas's departure. They said they did not think it merited a coalition crisis. But David Magen and Eli Landau, Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon's staunchest supporters, said the situation was intolerable. Sharon got Shas to join the Likud in the coalition negotiations and promised it the Religious Affairs Ministry.

Velvet glove in the Foreign Ministry

By DAVID LANDAU

THE SHAPING of the Shamir Foreign Ministry in the national unity government, a still-evolving saga, is a salubrious lesson against jumping to too-obvious conclusions.

On the face of it, the Foreign Ministry, traditionally the seat of moderation and a sanctuary for the doves in Israeli governments, is now being built into a bastion of hard-line, doctrinaire Revisionism. The accession to its complement of such right-wing figures as Ronnie Milo MK, the new deputy minister, and Tzachi Hanegbi, the new personal aide to the minister, would seem to bear out this diagnosis.

Similarly the well-ensconced and still-growing power within the ministry of Yosef Ben-Aharon, the ultra-hawkish assistant director-general who is Shamir's general factotum-cum-eminence grise, appears to corroborate the trend.

Media adviser Avi Pazner, a non-ideological diplomat, will soon depart for a post abroad (minister for information at the Washington embassy), leaving relations between the minister's bureau and the press in the hands of ex-Ma'ariv journalist Yossi Ahimeir, who was taken aboard in recognition of his ideological orthodoxy as well as his professional abilities.

The poker-faced director-general David Kimche, an early Shamir appointee, and the deputy director-general, Hanan Baron, both enormously experienced in all the various forms of diplomacy, continue to maneuver between the political pitfalls, leading their legion of dedicated but often frustrated diplomats as efficiently as the peculiar situation of the country and the coalition allows.

This is the situation on the face of

it; and yet the complexion of the Shamir Foreign Ministry thus far revealed is more complex than that. For example:

□ Contrary to past form — and contrary, too, to the expectations of some of its senior officials — Shamir forbore to lambast Egypt last week over its joint communiqué with Jordan. The Mubarak-Husseini communiqué trumpeted "the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination...in the form they see fit."

Hitherto such rhetoric from our partner-in-peace would have drawn an angry response in kind from Shamir, enthusiastically counseled and drafted by his speech-writer Ben-Aharon and his propaganda chief, assistant director-general Moshe Yegar.

But the vice premier and foreign minister, winding up the Knesset foreign affairs debate last Wednesday, made nary a mention of the offensive declaration from Cairo. And ministry spokesmen were instructed to play down the glaring divergences between the joint communiqué and Camp David.

□ Next day, the ministry responded with equally unwelcome milk and honey to a Middle East declaration by leaders of the European Economic Community. The declaration, issued after an EEC summit in Dublin, proclaimed that "no amount of effort by third parties can be a substitute for direct negotiations among the parties themselves — the Arab states, Israel and the Palestinian people — which must recognize mutually each other's existence and rights."

NOW, THIS was plainly a thinly veiled call for an Israel-PLO dia-

logue — especially since two paragraphs later the EEC declaration urged explicitly "that the PLO must be associated with peace negotiations."

Yet the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem chose to read it differently: "The Foreign Ministry fully concurs with and welcomes the Ten's view that direct negotiations between the parties are essential," a ministry statement said. "It should be recalled that the Camp David Accords provide for direct talks, and that the Government of Israel has repeatedly called for such negotiations..."

Granted, the ministry statement went on to "regret" the Ten's belief that the PLO should be brought into the peace process. But the overall tenor of the statement — its determined accentuating of the positive — was remarkably reminiscent of Shimon Peres's positive approach towards Europe, a marked departure from the "keep-out" attitude adopted during the Likud years.

The change in style began, in fact, before last week's statement. The assistant director-general for Europe, Yeshayahu Anug, gave voice to it at a briefing for EEC ambassadors when he spoke of Israel's interest in "constructive" contributions by Europe to Middle East peacemaking.

The change was certainly registered in European chanceries, and indeed it may have accounted for the unmistakable effort, in the Dublin declaration, to couch the Community's unpalatable (for Israel) positions in euphemistic terms. The declaration referred, for example, to "principles many times stated in the past" instead of explicitly citing the Venice Declaration.

A voice from the Dark Ages

By YOSEF GOELL

long as they are dependent on squeezing money out of official budgets controlled by the majority.

The problem would be a minor curiosity were it not for the norm established during the Begin years of giving in to the most egregious demands and affronts of the most primitive elements in the Jewish spectrum in Israel.

The Labour Party, when it ruled Israel for its first 29 years, always made far-reaching concessions to the religious parties as part of coalition politics and in recognition of the fact that a considerable segment of the Jewish population of Israel was religious and that the Orthodox were also a force in world Zionism.

Labour, however, never matched Mr. Begin's concessions. Begin, of course, was the first Israeli prime minister to be dependent not only on the Zionist NRP but also on the anti-Zionist Agudat Yisrael.

Since I have always considered Mr. Begin a principled politician and

a Zionist, I never understood how he could have given in to the Aguda's demand for legislation that permitted girls to lie to army draft boards about their pretended religiosity and denied the draft boards the right to question even the most egregious lies.

The result has been that an additional 10 per cent of Israeli girls have succeeded in evading military service. (There never has been any secular objection to the exemption of truly religious girls from army service, just as it was always taken for granted that Druse girls are not subject to conscription.)

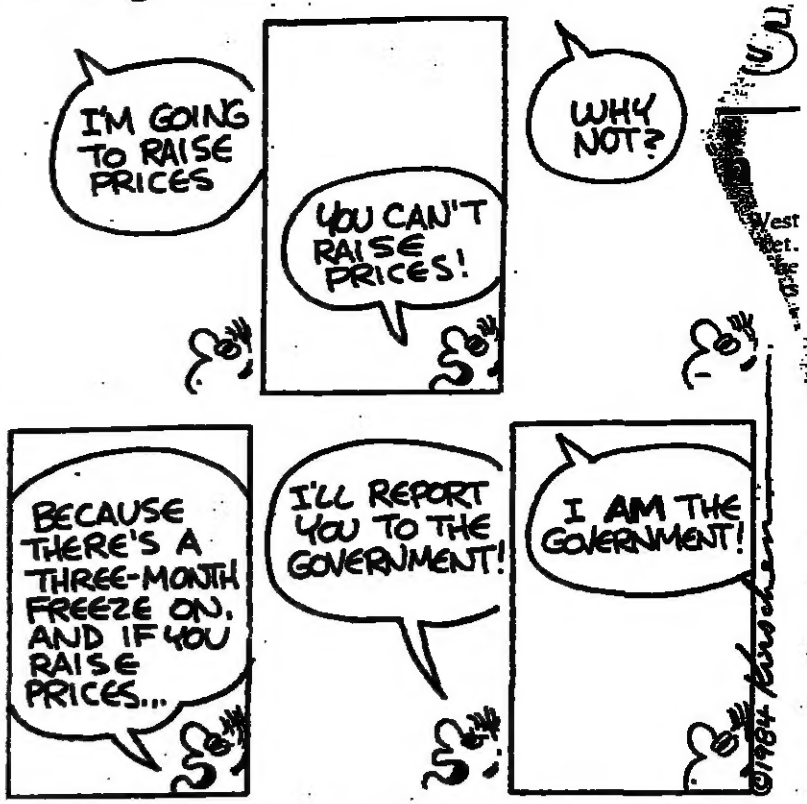
I note this particular concession because to Mr. Begin, and his fellow disciples of Binyamin Ze'ev Jabotinsky, the Jewish army is holy. For Herut, the conscription of girls should have been a case of pitting one "holiness" against another. But it wasn't.

MR. BEN-SHLOMO'S statement is not an aberration. In countless conversations with *haredim* I have frequently been confronted by their opinion that the IDF is a den of sexual iniquity.

It's a free country, and everyone is entitled to his own opinions. But that shouldn't mean that Zionists in a Zionist state should abet and finance *haredim* in their attempt to foist upon us the most primitive and superstitious version of Judaism extant.

Zionism since its inception has always had a religious wing, the Mizrahi movement, which sought to develop synthesis between Zionism and Orthodox practice and between modernism and Orthodoxy in daily life.

Dry Bones



HOW TO explain the ostensible mellowing of Shamir? (There is surely no risk in dubbing it "ostensible.") The vice premier is much too old a leopard, too hard-set in his political beliefs, to change his real spots.)

Rather, this change in style is to be seen as a tactical retreat, designed to keep the ideological powder perfectly dry for use, when needed, in the great strategic struggle which may eventually bring down the national unity government.

As prime minister, Shamir was hailed as a "pragmatist" and a "Mapainik" because he did not rant and tub-thump like Begin. But many commentators made the mistake of equating soft-spoken affability with political flexibility.

The record of Shamir's short tenure, reviewed in retrospect, gives no grounds for that. Style, of course, can be vitally important — for inst-

ance in undoing the damage Sharon's style had wrought in relations with the U.S. But it still should not be confused with content.

The pragmatic tactic of offering stylistic concessions to the other side in the interests of current coalition unity is a game that two can play: witness Shimon Peres's pronouncement in the Knesset last week that Resolution 242 is "not a condition, but only a basis" for negotiations with Jordan.

So long as Jordan refuses to negotiate, Peres had little to lose in this gesture to his Herut partners — just as Shamir loses little in deliberately glossing over his deep differences with Europe so long as no new EEC Middle East initiative actually threatens the coalition cohesion.

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Moslem and Christian communities. The mind boggles in either case.

MORE IMPORTANT than mere words, however, is putting an end to the shameful opening of the army to proselytization by Aguda- and Shas-type peddlers of an anti-Zionist, born-again Judaism.

There have been many cases of army commanders compelling their men to spend time in penitential yeshivas, and inviting aggressive Habad pulpits to harangue their soldiers.

The naive assumption behind such acts was that born-again religion might make for more motivated soldiers. There is ample proof that it doesn't.

It is time to put an end to this Zionist loss of confidence, both in the army and in the school system, where activities are ostensibly intended to construct bridges between religious and secular youngsters. In effect, what the programmes provided under the previous minister of education, Ze'evulun Hammer, was an opportunity for one-sided proselytizing for anti-Zionist religiosity and not even for Hammer's religious Zionism.

One of Zionism's greatest achievements is that it turned a people totally oriented on the past into a future-oriented society. It is important that the heirs to the Zionist revolution do not permit a slipping back to our old weaknesses by default.

Mr. Ben-Shlomo's outburst should be a timely reminder to the ministers of defence and education, and to us all, of the need to continue that revolution.

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READERS' LETTERS

To the Editor of the Jerusalem Post Sir, — I would like to salute Abdel Wahab Darousha for his gallant attempt to challenge the Israeli and Palestinian establishments, in the face of brain-washed public opinion.

What a miserable bunch of cowards we are! We, the common people of this area: Jews and Arabs, Israelis and Palestinians — all of us. For generations our leaders have been telling us: the Land of Israel/Palestine is *all ours*. And we support them, we cheer them, and "we elect them again and again." We are being taught to hate each other and to blow each other to pieces, and we suffer.

How much more tragedy can there be in store for us before our respective leaders will be made to realize that there is only one possible compromise to the conflict, and that is mutual recognition and acceptance on the basis of the 1949-1967 borders?

ZEEV RAPHAEL

Haifa.

Sir, — I would like to thank Mr. Darousha for showing me that there is at least one man in Israel who is not only speaking about peace...

How long do we expect the world to believe that Israel is a peace-

SALUTE TO DAROUSHA

loving state, when people like Rabbi Kahane can publicly encourage terrorism, but Darousha's action causes a public outcry?

STEFAN WIMMER

Jerusalem.

Sir, — Admittedly MK Darousha did not coordinate his attempted journey to Amman with his own party, but then again he obviously realized that any such notion would have been nipped in the bud by vote-conscious politicians. (Did President Sadat seek the compliance of other Arab leaders before coming to Jerusalem?)

Darousha did not intend to speak to the Palestinians in order to express identification with the PLO, but to advise them that their dream of a Palestinian homeland encompassing all of present-day Israel is now impossible and that the time has come to talk of compromise. This would have been roughly comparable with the speech made by Sadat in the Knesset in November 1977.

Again, as with so many similar cases of genuine attempts to achieve peace being suppressed by so-called national consensus on one side or the other, we find the path to a meaning-

ful breakthrough blocked. The restraints of the Palestinian/Jordanian axis are well-known and well-recorded. An enormous psychological barrier must be overcome before we can honestly expect the Palestinians to lay down their arms and extend an olive branch in our direction.

The problem on our part lies in the strangely unique form of democracy practised in Israel, a system rich in checks but lacking in balances, that hinders new directions from being sought. This unfortunately is allied by a grass root distrust of Arabs among Israelis.

Brave men must make brave decisions if we are ever to end this vicious circle of mutual animosity.

DANIEL BEN-TAL

Tel Aviv.

IRONIES OF PEACE

To the Editor of the Jerusalem Post Sir, — It seems certain that without a peaceful border with Egypt, Israel would never have gone more than 40 kilometres, into Lebanon, if that far. Thousands of lives would have been saved, not to mention billions of dollars. Therein lies the irony of Camp David.

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